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CZECHOSLOVAKIANS SPELL DANGER FOR AUSTRALIA

"CZECHOSLOVAKIA will be no pushover," warned Australia's coach, Frank Arok, as he prepared his squad to do battle with the former European Champions for the First Test next Sunday in Melbourne at Olympic Park.

The Australian squad assembled in Sydney this morning at the St George Stadium, to begin their preparation for the Test Series to be promoted by the Winfield Company, Australia's new four year sponsors.

"Because the Czechs didn't compete in Mexico doesn't mean anything. They are a top European side and many high class European teams didn't qual-

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ify," Arok warned again.

"In Australia we are quite ignorant of the fact that 36 European sides play off to get to the World Cup Finals.

"Czechoslovakia are in the process of rebuilding and have strong players with immense skills and great determination to establish themselves in their

National squad," Arok stated.

**1980
WIPE
OUT**

Czechoslovakia previously toured Australia in 1980 under the guidance of the highly regarded Dr Josef Venglos.

In a three Test match series that year, Rudi Gutendorf's Australian team was wiped out by the Czechs in Canberra

and Sydney 4 nil and 5 nil with the last match drawn 2 all in Melbourne.

"My European contacts have informed me that the Czechs are fast, strong and physical in their play.

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QUEENSLANDER'S ANGER OVER REDUCED NATIONAL LEAGUE

QUEENSLAND Soccer identity Eric Thompson has called on the state's Soccer followers "to stand up and be counted" as National League axing for Brisbane City and Lions moves closer.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Thompson, coach of XXXX League side Mount Gravatt and a well-read columnist, wants a steering committee organised to head south and demand Queensland representation in the new NSL format.

"It's no use waiting around for the axe to fall and then squealing. If we want to be in the National League, we have to start making things happen ourselves," Thompson said.

"We need a leader to start organising a Queensland push for retention and that person has to be Ian Brusasco (the OSF president). He has to call together everyone — the club, the officials, the players and the media — to organise a united front."

Thompson was inspired to make his call in the wake of reports that three Brisbane syndicates have been formed to bid for a VFL license next year to have a Brisbane team in the expanded Australian rules competition.

Thompson says the Soccer steering committee should explore all avenues to ensure Queensland gains NSL representation — even to the point of complaining to the Federal Government.

EMBARRASSMENT

"I think it would be mighty embarrassing to Australian Soccer if the third biggest Soccer state in the nation was not in the national competition. I think the Federal Government might take a pretty dim view of that when handing out subsidies at a time cutbacks are being made across the board," he said.

Thompson says too many people in Queensland are just sitting back waiting for the inevitable and just one or two officials at both clubs are being left to do our lobbying.

"The backlash of us losing NSL representation will be far deeper than a bit of heartache and soul searching for a

few people at Lions and City," he said.

"As a coach, I feel cheated that I won't have the opportunity to coach here at the highest level — but that is only a minor consideration when you think of the future for our talented youngsters.

"They now know that there will be nowhere for them to go but south if they want to realise their full potential.

Anyone who thinks that Queensland Soccer is going to be better off by the return of Brisbane City and Lions is looking no further ahead than next season.

By the end of next year, anyone with any ability will be gone and we will be left just kidding ourselves."

SANITY

Meanwhile, Queensland coach Bruce Stowell believes sanity will prevail and Queensland will have a team in the new format next

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ASF
Winfield Socceroos

Great action from Sunday's big clash between Sydney Croatia and Sydney Olympic . . . Australian team-mates Marshall Soper and Zarko Odzakovic contest a cross.

THE first major step towards 1988 Olympic Games and the 1990 World Cup honours takes place with the internationals against Czechoslovakia which are about to take place in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney.

After the showing put up against Scotland in Melbourne last season there is no doubt that the national team can perform to very high standards.

To secure the funding that the Australian Soccer Federation requires there has been an understanding reached that the team will be known as the Winfield Socceroos.

This injection of funds is vital. Coupled with it is the need for the publicity budget to be utilised in a manner that guarantees results in massive support from the public.

The Winfield company realises that national coach Frank Arok, assistant coach Eddie Thomson and their aides and the players will have the experience needed to deliver the goods.

Looking back there is no doubt that the game would have travelled much better over the years had it been more closely allied with Australian-based corporations.

Australian Soccer had the model of the success that came in the late sixties but somewhere the pattern was lost.

It appears to be much more than folklore that at one more recent stage there could have been closer co-operation with the Packer interests that re-packaged cricket from a lost cause to a tremendous success.

It is possible for Soccer to break through into the consciousness of a far wider section of the sporting public as a whole.

Breakthroughs occur at World Cup times and particularly so in the run up to the 1974 World Cup in the Rale Rasic era.

Winfield have come in because in the Socceroos they have a vehicle to increase their commercial objectives.

As such they have a big interest in the quality of the opposition Australia meets along the way.

Careful selection of opponents to be seen on the Australian market is essential.

It is not necessary to have a long memory to realise that even a club as proud as Manchester United can be a let down.

Today the public is more discerning than ever it was. It has its own decisive way of demanding that the match is top standard and that the promotional package is correctly handled.

So often club teams from overseas have been the trial horses within Australia.

Australia requires strong visiting national teams so that the thrill of pitting this country against others is present.

If this type of specification can be met — and the promotional arm of the Australia Soccer Federation has to prove itself — then the possibility is there that major commercial interests will find a big future in association with the clubs of the National Soccer League.

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PETER TREDINNICK TREADS HIS WAY TO THE BAR

YOU won't find "Peter Tredinnick LL.B" on the Marconi NSL team sheet but that is the title by which he will further his other career following his induction to the Bar on Friday July 4 at Sydney's Supreme Court.

While that date is very important for Americans it will always be a special day for Peter as he stood before Sir Laurence Street and five other Supreme Court judges to gain his admission.

BY BILL TURNER

With about 250 men and women to be admitted to the Bar, they had to be placed into smaller groups to face Sir Laurence and take the required oath followed by the words "So help me God" or "I do". (One wonders if that requirement means that Peter is married to the profession).



ALAN TREDINNICK

Peter was fortunate to be included in the very first group to enter the court and the formal ceremony was most impressive.

To be admitted to the Bar, a candidate has to be sponsored. Peter was indeed pleased to have the managing partner of the prestigious Australian law firm of Phillips — Fox in attendance.

Peter found himself in some interesting company on the day.

Tim Unsworth, the son of the NSW Premier Barrie Unsworth, gained his credentials as did Nick Farr-Jones of rugby union fame.

It is a well known secret that Nick was a top Soccer player as a youngster, until his parents sent him to Newington College, which fortunately these days is becoming more of a Soccer school.

Throughout the induction proceedings sat the happiest, and proudest of men.

Peter's father Alan, travelled from Newcastle to savour every moment. A friend of Peter's Amanda Bowden, who is also studying law, joined in the occasion.

After it was over the party made its way to the less formal atmosphere of Tony Pezzano's Coffee Lounge to celebrate and reflect upon the past and the future in the life of Peter Tredinnick.

Meanwhile back at Booragul High School where he was once a student, on the Teachers' Notice Board a sign displayed the following:— "Peter Tredinnick, Bachelor of Law Admitted to the Bar July 4, 1986."



PETER TREDINNICK on the prowl for his side.

ALISTAIR EDWARDS REAPS RICH ANZ SCHOLARSHIP

WESTERN AUSTRALIA's goalscoring sensation Alistair Edwards has won the \$5,000 Soccer scholarship which is part of the four codes award from the ANZ Bank.

The scholarships were awarded after 48 of the most promising Australian rules, rugby union, rugby league and Soccer players from around Australia attended a weekend clinic at Melbourne Grammar School from 16-18 May.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

The winners were Soccer; Alistair Edwards, from Orelia, Western Australia, rugby union; Paul Kahl (Queensland) rugby league; Andrew Gee (Queensland), and Australian rules; Shaun Smith (Australian Capital Territory).

Edwards, 17, was recently selected in the National Youth Soccer Squad after representing his State at the National Youth Championships.

Each has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship after consultations with his sporting association.

Announcing the scholarship winners today, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited's Group Managing Director, Mr Will J. Bailey, said the standard of the participants in the four codes was outstanding.

More than one NSL club was interested in Edwards for 1987 and it looks as if Sydney City got the break on the others.

"It indicates there is a good depth of talent in our junior football



ALISTAIR EDWARDS — top scholarship for Western Australian prospect.

ranked, and it made the final selections difficult," he said. "When I announced the ANZ Youth Sport Scholarship last November I said it was all about developing the potential champions of the future. We are on our way to achieving this if the results from this camp — our second — are any indication."

Skills coaches at the camp included Australian international Alan Davidson.

The winners were chosen after consideration of their personal applications for nominations to attend the camp; profiles completed by coaching directors in each sport before the camp; performance and attitude at the camp as

indicated by skills training, fitness, psychological preparation, performance and personal motivation and commitment.

The money must be spent on the athlete's career in the 12 months after the scholarship is awarded. The scholarship selection panel, is discussion with the winner's coach, parents and sporting association, decides how the money is best spent.

ANZ Youth Sport Scholarship camps, conducted by Australian Sports Camp, have the backing of the Confederation of Australian Sport, its monthly magazine, Sport Report, and sports organisations throughout Australia.

CANBERRA MISSED HIM!

LAST week Canberra City Olympians were denied the opportunity to sign a Peruvian international as a guest player.

For quite a time the men from the capital have lacked the services of a reliable goalscorer and this one player could have made so much difference in their quest to survive the cut-off point for next season's 'Elite 14'.

Canberra had been negotiating for five weeks with REYNALDO JAIME, a former Peruvian World Cup player.

Jaime was in the 1982 Peruvian World Cup squad that went to Spain. He is a 29-year-old striker from first division club Sporting Cristal and a leading scorer in the Costa Rican first division.

With countryman and current Canberra midfielder Augusto Palacios acting as negotiator, Jaime had agreed to terms early last week to make the journey to Australia and subsequently join the Canberra outfit.

Jaime came highly recommended and despite Canberra's financial difficulties a solution to

that problem had been found.

A syndicate of businessmen had offered to sponsor the South American star's full expenses.

The delays that were experienced came from the club's negotiations and gaining a visa for him from the Department of Immigration.

Further difficulties arose for Canberra however which related to his registration with the NSL.

Despite the the fact that negotiations commenced five weeks previously the League refused to accept the application due to a technicality in its registration laws concerning guest players.

The NSL insists that even with guest players, registrations must be completed by June 30.

Palacios said: "This is a terrible disappointment for me and my club as Reynaldo would have been most special for us. He is not a big man but scores lots of goals."

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NSW REFEREES PRESIDENT DOUG RENNIE HITS OUT

IT has long been a fact of life that referees (no matter what the sport) are fair game for players, coaches, spectators and sports writers, if they feel like rubbishing them.

However, one might reasonably expect those engaged in sports writing, to first check their facts before going into print. This, of course, seldom (if ever) appears to happen and so we have the situation where much animosity and ill feeling can be caused by this type of reporting.

In the Sydney Sun of Thursday, 10th July 1986, an article written by their Soccer writer in my opinion left much to be desired. I immediately contacted Mr Peter Russell, Manager of the NSL and he apologised for the article, on the grounds that it did not clearly express his views.

At no time has the NSW Division of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation been approached seeking our views about inviting guest referees from overseas to come to Australia to officiate at games and lecture to our members.

DISAGREE

The question whether we have 12 competent first grade referees to control NSL fixtures each week is also ridiculous. Certainly, we have lost some very fine referees over the past few years, but no one is indispensable. Given the proper opportunity and a fair go, I am sure that our members are equal to the task.

On the subject of sponsorship, I wish the NSL every success. We cannot be accused of not trying to help them in this regard as I do not believe that any other sporting body would have agreed to assist them in the way that our members have this year.

Ansett provided a certain number of air tickets to the NSL. This in turn enabled the NSL to appoint interstate referees to their fixtures.

Our linesmen get absolutely nothing, nor is there any monetary pay-

ment to any referees body. Yet referees and linesmen must wear the Ansett name on their uniforms. This has been done as a gesture of goodwill on our part and only time will tell if Ansett enter into a proper sponsorship next year.

DEBATABLE

There is no insular approach by us regarding our standards. Those who saw visiting referees officiating in Australia in 1981 and in Mexico in 1986 could hardly have been overimpressed. Indeed it might be debatable if some of them would be acceptable for the NSL Youth League games.

Australia's representative in Mexico, Chris Bambridge, was crucified over the decision in the Brazil v Spain game, yet his over all performance was of a far higher standard than most of the other referees. To some of our own sports writers this was, conveniently overlooked.

The writer also claimed that Australia is a backward Soccer na-

and Adelaide in the current Socceroo squad as the ultimate reason to retain the two "minor" states in the national competition.

"We are doing our share towards the national team and it will be restricting the entire scope of Australian Soccer to limit the NSL to just two states," he said.

If Brisbane gains a team in the 14, Stowell rejects suggestions that the side should be a federation team and that

he should be the coach — despite his success over NSW in recent years.

"The National League is a club competition and Queensland's participation must be on club level. And there is no way I can be coach as there is so much more work my director of coaching position involves than what many realise. I just wouldn't have the time to be an NSL team coach," he said.



CHRIS BAMBRIDGE

tion. Those fortunate enough to be at Olympic Park, Melbourne last December might dispute that statement, as Australia deserved to beat Scotland that night in the World Cup match.

With regards to lecturing or coaching referees, we have a fully qualified FIFA referees coach here in Australia.

We have also purchased the latest referees coaching films from overseas, which are shown to members. Every state conducts an Annual Seminar and regular lectures at monthly meetings.

We have also engaged professionally qualified people to conduct referees fitness training. The FIFA coach also visits each Division to lecture.

All of the above we do at our own expense, with no financial assistance from the Australian Soccer Federation or the NSL.

FUNDING

The ASF receives many thousands of dollars from the government which mainly gets channelled into their player, Talent Identification Scheme.

One would have expected them to have provided some money towards the advancement of referees, as it must surely be in the best interests of the code to develop referees talent as well.

The NSW Division has also offered, on a number of occasions, to assist the NSL or any other interested clubs in conducting a question and answer evening at any organised meeting.

The purpose is to try and help players to better understand the Laws of the Game, and perhaps cut down on the need to issue CAUTIONS or SEND OFFS. To date, this offer has never been taken up by any club.

It has long been noted that some writers seem to take a delight in knocking Soccer, be it the administrators of the game or the referees.

We can well do without this type of reporting.

Australian referees will continually strive to improve their performance.

FIRST WORLD CUP COACH DIES

TIKO JELISJEVIĆ, Australia's first World Cup coach, died recently in Mexico as the result of a motor accident.

He had been coaching for some years in Mexico.

Chosen by the Australian Soccer Federation because of the knowledge he had gained in the Yugoslav First Division, Jelisavic came to Sydney in the twilight of his playing career.

Back in 1965 Australia

was unused to the demands of World Cup football and lost 6-1 and 3-1 to North Korea in Cambodia (now Kampuchea).

The management of the Australian party was Jim Bayutti and Ian Brusasco with Sir William Walkley as tour leader.

The Australian team

included Les Scheinflug and ASW's Johnny Warren was in the squad as well.

Also in the team, which played its first match before a 60,000 crowd in Phnom-Penh, were John Roberts, Billy Rorke, Nigel Shepherd, Stan Ackersley, Pat Hughes, John Watkiss, Pat Rice, Roy Blitz and Archie Blue.

Czechs meet 'Roos

from front page

"This is a new era in Australia's Soccer history and a good start is so important for us. We are beginning with a National team consisting of new talent injected to the one which served Australia so well last year during the World Cup qualifying matches," Arok said.

Arok went on to say: "Much will depend on the new pace added to the squad and how this pace will blend with some of the settled members of the team."

"The senior players have an enormous amount of international experience now, which will benefit the newer members of the squad."

"Our playing system served us nicely over the last two years. As evidenced in the recent World Cup, more and more players on the international scene are getting behind the ball when not in possession."

But Arok, despite having injected his National squad with much fresh blood, will not foolishly gamble, (and understandably so), with too many changes.

LIKELY LINE-UP

Arok will rely on at least seven of his old World Cup campaigners next Sunday to do battle with the Czechs.

Starting with Australia's defence, I expect Arok will build his backline around the tried and trusted Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Graham Jennings, and David Ratcliffe, arguably Australia's most valuable player.

I also expect that Heidelberg's goalkeeper, Jeff Olver will be favoured at this stage, to take over the gloves from the now-retired Terry Greedy.

For the midfield Arok will slot in Sydney Olympic captain Peter Raskopoulos along with the experienced Zarko Odzakovic and Kenny Murphy.

Upfront to spearhead the attack, only one player is certain. That is Australia's World Cup captain and lethal finisher, John Kosmina.

But who will Arok give the nod to join Kosmina?

The most-favoured candidates are the explosive and unorthodox Marshall Soper and Kosmina's club-mate, the exciting flank-striker, Frank Farina.

That leaves Arok with the chief dilemma of filling two vital spots.

He needs either a right-fullback or deep right midfielder to cover that zone, plus a strike-partner for Kosmina.

Fighting for this right-back cum right-midfield spot are Angelo Postecoglou, Ian Gray and Russell Stewart.

Make no mistake, Arok will want to settle very quickly on a basic first eleven that will carry Australia into the 1988 World Olympic Games in Seoul, plus the next World Cup in 1990 set down for Rome.

NSL MATCHES SWITCHED

THE Olympic Airways Soccer League has postponed some of next Sunday's Round 17 matches, advises manager Peter Russell.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

"We have been forced to change the schedule due to the First Test Australia vs Czechoslovakia in Melbourne at Olympic Park and resultant national team player commitments," he informed us last night.

All NSL matches set down for Melbourne will be off next Sunday because of the international.

The only games to be played in the Northern Division next Sunday are Blacktown City vs Inter Monaro at Gabbie Stadium and Sydney City vs Canterbury at the Sydney Athletic Field. Both matches kick off at 3pm.

The balance of the originally scheduled matches have been deferred and will be played on Wednesday August 13th under floodlights as follows:

Sydney Olympic vs

APIA at the St George Stadium.

Marconi vs St George at Marconi Stadium.

Canberra City Olympians vs Sydney Croatia at the Bruce Stadium.

All will kick off at 7.30pm.

On Sunday August 10th, the Round 13 deferred match Canberra City Olympians vs Canterbury Marrickville will be played at the Bruce Stadium at 3pm.

Mr Russell also advised that the semi-finals of the Nanda Soccer Cup will now be played under floodlights on Wednesday August 20th.

The games are Heidelberg vs Sydney City at Olympic Park and Adelaide Hellas vs Canberra City Olympians at Hindmarsh Stadium.

They will both kick-off at 7.30pm.

OLD TO ACT ON AXING?

From page one

year.

"It's nothing more than a 'gut feeling' but I think in the end the format will be extended to take in a team from Queensland and South Australia," he said.

Stowell cites the present involvement of five players from Brisbane

OH! WHAT BEAUTIES!



BACK L to R: Sarah Di Firol, Diana Zanier, Jodi Jenson, Jo-Anne Kerr, Linda Badger, Fiona Badger, Karla Brennan, Jenny Hindmarsh. FRONT L to R: Julie Bradley, Karen Cooper, Cynthia Gambuzza, Rebecca Macchlone, Kerri Zuiderwyk, Karen Owen.

Down Wollongong way they are famous for their Wolves — but the Wolverines run them a close second. Their cheer squad in-

cludes girls from 12 to 17 years and they fully support the local Soccer club.

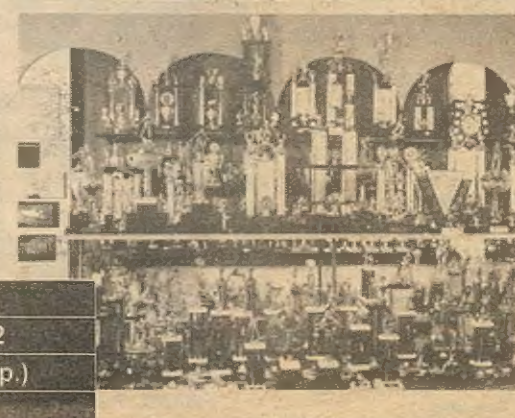
With Mrs P. Zuiderwyk as manageress they

also dance to promote charities such as World Vision and I CARE. It's great to have the girls brightening up our pages this week.

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TONY PEZZANO

PEZZANO ERROR ALLOWS SLICKERS A VITAL VICTORY

A FREAK goal slipped in by Sydney City striker Frank Farina in the 67th minute was enough to give his team a 1-0 win and a boost to their chance of being in the five at the end of the competition proper.

By the same token APIA-Leichhardt were all gloom and doom, particularly when it was realised that close competitors such as Blacktown, St George and Newcastle had all earned two points.

Maybe things will change with the benefit of the results of a few more games, but these are desperation days for clubs that are borderline for the 14 NSL places available for next season.

Tony Pezzano had to bear the full weight of that goal on his broad shoulders, but there was no joy at all in the exercise.

He tried to play a soft ball off his own line with his feet — something he would never contemplate doing in the normal course of events.

Farina came from nowhere and pushed the ball into the APIA net.

Afterwards Farina said: "Tony tried to control the ball at his feet. Then he attempted to pick it up, but it rolled between his legs."

Sydney City's Eddie Thomson reckoned that his club's luck had changed. No doubt he had in mind the six points or so that had been lost due to unscheduled mistakes over the year to date.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

"The only thing about it that I am sorry about is that our old player Tony Pezzano had to bear the brunt of the mistake," Thomson said.

That goal added a real talking point to a game that raced back and forth from end to end but lacked the spark to enthuse the 1847 strong crowd.

Arno Bertogna and his other defenders blocked the Sydney City

attacks well, but the other main factor was the excessive number of free-kicks that occurred.

APIA was denied one chance from a good Tony Morsello run.

Sydney City lifted their game and Tom McCulloch hit the post from a ball that he never had under full control.

APIA's big chance to level matters was in the 73rd minute but a left wing corner from Terry Butler just crept over the bar.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes, Gomez, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny, Watson, Souness, McCulloch, Farina, Kosmina, Saad (Lee 62m).
APIA-LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, Stewart, Bertogna, Hristovski, Brown, Bundalo, Butler, Lorens, Baran, Turnbull, Morsello.
Referee: K.Small. Crowd: 1847.



FRANK FARINA

DRAMA, GOALS AND THE

"IT was a great match as a spectacle but we lost." Sydney Olympic's coach Manfred Schaefer was just echoing the thoughts of his club after being thrashed by a sizzling Sydney Croatia 4-1 at the Croatian Sports Centre.

Croatia were simply superb. Olympic to their credit, though, kept on trying and were at times a delight to watch, mainly because of their brilliant midfielder Vicente Estavillo.

But the home side were far superior on the day and with Zeljko Jurin running amok down the flanks they were never in danger.

The game started in hectic fashion and the first half produced some of the most stirring football that has been witnessed in Australian Soccer for a very long time — and the near 11,000 strong crowd loved it.

Hell bent on victory, both teams went at it hammer and tongs and either could have led. After seeing Jurin denied in the second minute, Igor Petkovic latched onto a cross two minutes later and had his shot miraculously saved by the boot of "keeper Gary Meier after taking a wicked deflection off Martyn Rogers.

With eight minutes on the clock Estavillo took a corner and had the rebound come back to him, he then let loose with a shot from 20 metres wide out only to strike the right-hand post... this proved valuable practice for what was to follow later.

Both sides put together a scintillating display of passing with Estavillo, Odzakovic, Arnold and Raskopoulos leading the forays.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Marshall Soper was as ever in the thick of the action and was subsequently booked in the 17th minute after a clash with Soccerroo teammate Zarko Odzakovic.

Croatia were shaken into life a minute later when Vedran Rozic slung a magnificent pass to David Rezo on the right wing. His cross was met in style by Petkovic's header which left Meier with no chance.

Olympic's unbeaten run was looking decidedly shaky, much like their defence. Youngster Emmanuel Spasoudakis had a match he would much rather forget. Jurin in conjunction with Manis Lamond tore the inexperienced fullback apart.

Jurin quite frankly admitted later: "I knew I was just too fast for them. Even though they are not as experienced as us at the back it was always on that we could beat them with myself and Manis running onto the passes from the mid-field."

Croatia made Olympic pay dearly for a few defensive mistakes in the 28th minute. Estavillo did brilliantly to work his side out of a tight situation near the area but saw his good work wasted twice by a sluggish Peter Katholos who was caught in possession by a very lively Odzakovic.

To rub salt into the wound Odzakovic proceeded to 'nutmeg'

JURIN SLAYS HIS RIVALS

Katholos before laying the ball off to Marijan Kovacic. The central defender then put Jurin through in the area. The inspired winger beat Mike Coady with a deft jink and battled past the oncoming Meier to slot the ball in from close range.

Like the top class side they are Olympic did not throw in the towel and in fact put Croatia under an immense amount of pressure in the final 20 minutes of the half.

To top his magnificent performance Estavillo scored what many consider one of the best goals ever seen in Australian Soccer. High praise, yes, but worthy of any international game was this effort.

With eight minutes remaining before the break the little Uruguayan strolled onto a pass and lined up from 30 metres out and sent a radar-like shot into the net off the left-hand post, a truly superb goal.

The game had taken a different complexion totally. Olympic were now pressing forward with zest and should have gone into the break level when three minutes before 'drinks' Raskopoulos and Chris Kalantzis worked a one-two to put Katholos into the clear. But the former international was far too slow in reacting and Croatia escaped.

Yet Olympic were given some sort of reprieve two minutes after half-time when a du-

bious penalty was awarded to them by referee Jim Reeves.

Raskopoulos and Rozic contested a bouncing ball and it seemed both had handled in the midst of the challenge, but despite the protests of the Croatian side the penalty was awarded.

"I don't know how he gave the penalty," claimed Rozic, "Raskopoulos and I went up for the ball and headed it together. I don't think he could have been sure, I wasn't."

But just to prove he is human after all Estavillo had his spot-kick saved by Steve Watson. As Olympic cursed their ill fortune Croatia punished them even further.

Jurin broke on the right and crossed to Lamond who drew the last defender out and also Meier, who slipped as he approached. The Brazil-bound winger squared a pass to the unmarked Petkovic and he duly slid the ball in.

Meier was being called on increasingly to intervene in Croatian attacks now.

Undaunted by his missed penalty Estavillo sent a free-kick dangerously close to goal in the 61st minute. Despite the increasingly heavy conditions both sides continued playing good football.

Croatia then added the coup de grace in the 74th minute when Jurin broke free from the half-way and brushed aside the challenge of Tony Dakos. As he entered

THORNTHWAITE DOES IT AGAIN FOR THE DEMONS

YOUNG Brett Thornthwaite makes a specialty of nipping in and stealing goals for Blacktown City from close range and he did it once again against Canterbury Marrickville at Arlington Oval on Saturday.

Fifteen minutes from the end he accepted a left side corner from Paul Kay and hammered it home from seven metres out.

It seemed that Canterbury had not recovered from their 5-0 defeat at the hands of Marconi in the previous round.

They certainly missed the suspended Petar Zrilic and they lacked the fire that they had developed a few short weeks before.

Yet, for all that, there was sufficient movement in the game to make it an interesting contest — in fact there was more action than often is seen in the clashes between the clubs with bigger names in the game.

The Demons had continual use of the ball and they looked certain to score in quite a number of passages in the first half.

Ian Barker, deputis-

BY STEVE SHELDON

ing for the injured Chris Hummel, did extremely well to parry a strong shot from Blacktown full-back Peter Denyer in the 30th minute.

Adam Sandy, who led the forward line in the absence of the injured Joe Carroll, collected the rebound but Barker again saved the shot.

Blacktown kept pegging away, but they saw Canterbury defender Spiros Hantzis spirit one ball off the line and then Robbie Slater's shot being denied a safe abode by the crossbar.

Slater was shooting as if to influence Frank Arok's national squad selections at this late stage, but Barker was equal to the task again in the 52nd minute.

Rene Licata and Nelio Borges both made valiant attempts to pull



ROBBIE SLATER, linch-pin of the Blacktown attack.

the Berries fat out of the fire but then it was Thornthwaite's turn.

His shot made no mistake and Blacktown held on well for their win.

Afterwards the Demons coach Casey de Bruin was happy over the point that his players had been patient enough to hold out when nothing was coming off for them.

Yet again Slater was one of Blacktown's top performers, with David

Sharpe and Peter Denyer handing in excellent efforts also.

Slater was happy over the way that the team came back after that lacklustre 3-0 loss to Sydney City the previous week.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Knight, Northam, Ainsworth, Denyer, Byrne, Kay, Sandy, Slater, Sharpe, Thornthwaite.
CANTERBURY: Barker, Akoutas, Hantzis, Radman, Licata, Tharnidis (Fleming 29m), Godzik, Zalmi, Borges, Svinos, Philippou.

Crowd: 423. Referee: R.Lorenc.

END OF A WINNING RUN

the area his shot was saved by Meier but Jurin recovered to slot the ball in.

There was time enough for Jurin to be denied his hat-trick twice by magnificent Meier saves and for Gary Phillips and Shane Clinch to clash after the former had been left spread-eagled on the ground.

Instead of being disappointed with such a hiding Schaefer was complimentary to his players and Croatia: "It's our first defeat of the year and I'm glad it was Croatia in a good game."

"It was obvious our defence lost it for us. Jurin just destroyed us and young Spanoudakis was maybe a little bit out of his depth. We weren't out of it at any stage really, if the penalty had gone in it would have been 2-2. Instead it was saved and straight away they made it 3-1."

"Credit where credit is due. Forget that he had the penalty saved, Vicente Estavillo had a top game and always does. We'll do it the hard way now but the week off will give us some time to regroup."

Croatia's player-manager Vedran Rozic was also full of praise for both sides. "It's good to play a team like Olympic because they play an open game and allow us to play good football. I'm very happy with my side, it is balanced and has very valuable players."

"Our plan was to attack their defence and I think it worked perfectly as we put the passes quickly through out of midfield. The crowd would have enjoyed the game, they



Sydney Croatia's Graham Jennings and Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper, who were former team-mates at Olympic and are team-mates with the Socceroos, dispute possession of the ball during Sunday's match-of-the-season at the Croatian Sports Centre. Croatia won the big battle 4-1 to go to the top of the table.

received plenty of entertainment."

Man of the match Jurin was very pleased with his performance and claimed: "My plan was to continually run at the defenders and the

passes came quickly to allow me to take them on. This team is a good one mainly because it is just that, a team, we play for the club not ourselves."

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson,

Rezo, Jennings, Kovacic, Rozic, Lamond (Clinch 63), Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Odzakovic, Petkovic (Dragicevic 83).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis (Patalis 73), Phillips, Raakopoulos, Soper, Kalantzis, Estavillo, Katholos (Johnston 46).
Crowd: 10,679
Referee: J. Reeves

SAINTS UNITED IN GREAT FIGHTBACK

By JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE picked themselves up from some poor results lately to come back with a solid 3-1 win over the visiting Wollongong City at the St George Stadium.

It was a good, unified display of team-work by the Saints that repeatedly inflicted pressure on Wollongong, which gradually saw the visitors succumb.

The St George midfield of Miklos Orsagh, John O'Shea and Pedro Ricoy, dominated play against Larry Gaffney, Brian Cokely, Willie Murray and Rade Stefanovski.

But, the stocky Stefanovski scared the daylights out of Saints when as early as in the seventh minute he let fly with a 20 metre crack at the target that whistled just wide of Terry Greedy's post.

The St George line-up with Greedy back in the net, looked far better organised and composed as the former World Cup custodian repeatedly instructed his defenders to cover various spots.

In the ninth minute St George's teenage midfielder Ricoy busted away and looked certain to score from only seven metres out. But Wollongong's centre-back, Reg Chilby, raced across in cover and with a lovely tackle, flicked the ball away from Ricoy's shooting boot.

Peter Petkovski could have added another goal for Saints in the 20th minute after his left-back Robbie O'Shea put him away. Petkovski

from a point-blank range attempting to place his shot, saw Wollongong's goalkeeper Warwick Young race out and block the danger with his outstretched boot.

The half-hour mark saw Saints open the score-sheets.

Ricoy busted clear down the left, swung a high cross wide right to pick up striker Graeme Fletcher. Fletcher turned the ball back inside the box to Ricoy who pushed onto John O'Shea. The ever-consistent O'Shea hit a first time rocket drive that flashed into the Wollongong net.

Five minutes before drinks, Saints went two goals up.

The lanky midfielder cum-target man, Andy Koczka, lobbed a long ball forward for Fletcher to race onto. With Young desperately coming off his line, Fletcher got to the ball a split second before the Wollongong goalkeeper, rounded Young and knocked into the empty net.

The 58th minute saw Koczka score through a solo effort. The giant man raided down the left, sliced neatly inside Wollongong's Ray Vliestra and drove his angled shot into the far corner to knock up Saints' third goal.

The 66th minute saw

an excellent piece of work by Wollongong striker Peter Kotomandis go to complete waste. The steel-city striker pulled a nice ball back off the by-line, clipped it across into the six yard box but substitute striker David Batten completely missed the golden chance.

St George over-eager to score, missed further chances through Petkovski and Koczka.

With seconds left on the clock, Wollongong pulled back a goal through striker Robbie Giraldi.

Saints' centre-back, Mike O'Shea, instead of laying the ball back to Greedy, cleared it straight to Wollongong's left-back Jock Morlando. Morlando knocked it straight back into the St George box for Stefanovski to blast at the target only to see Greedy pull off a magnificent block diving to his right.

But the loose ball ran to Giraldi, who was free on the right post and the striker smashed into the net for a consolation goal.

Best performers for the Saints were Robbie O'Shea, Koczka, John O'Shea and Fletcher whilst Wollongong was best served by Willie Murray, Giraldi and David Green.

ST GEORGE: Greedy: Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R.O'Shea: Ricoy, J.O'Shea, Orsagh, Petkovski, Koczka, Fletcher (Cotton 85th).

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young: Green, Chilby, Vliestra, Morlando: Gaffney (Easthorpe 23rd), Cokely (Batten 50th), Murray, Stefanovski: Giraldi, Kotomandis.

CROATIA VICTORY IN DAY OF DRAMA

MELBOURNE CROATIA continued to rise from the relegation grave when they whipped third placed Adelaide City 2-nil at Olympic Sports Field in a game packed with drama.

BY TOM MCKAIN

Apart from the two magnificent goals by Laurie Abraham in the 11th and 31st minute for the shock victory, SA referee Jim Rossis and Croatia midfielder Tony Curcio were involved in the day's dramatics.

Abrahams rocked the home-side when he got into the box, mesmerised the back-four then took the ball away from goalkeeper Steve Nisic, who had dived bravely when the men in front had failed.

Six minutes later referee Rossis called to linesman Tom McRoe, and after discussions which fans thought involved an incident on the field, left the field by the tunnel which leads to the dressing rooms.

Signals went out from the ground for any referees in the grandstand and senior whistler, Sam Camanetti responded.

But after a nine minute break, during which both sets of players gathered around their coaches, Rossis reappeared and indi-

cated he would resume the match.

Later it was reported by SA referees' coach, Bill Hosie that Rossis had felt dizzy but after resting in the dressing rooms had said he felt better and would give the game another go.

Camanetti sat on the sidelines as a back-up.

Abrahams set the field alight again when he appeared on the far post on the left side to nod home a cross from Steve Gojevic and it was Croatia 2-nil at halftime with City, potential champions struggling.

Coach Zoran Matic dropped midfielder Adrian Santrac for the start of the second half, sending on striker Paul Wilde for the home-side and dropping Charlie Villani back to midfield.

But it was fellow midfielder and new Socceroo Sergio Melta who was involved in the next "act".

He and Curcio went

for a 50-50 ball with the Victorian ending up with a broken ankle and being rushed to hospital after the game had yet again been halted while he had a splint applied under the guidance of two doctors — one from City and another from the local Croatia club.

City trainer Vince Bannon had heard the crack in front of the home bench and rushed onto the field as soon as Curcio went down clutching his ankle.

But for Nisicoli and his posts, City could have been beaten by four goals.

Robert Markovac saw an effort hit one post, and Jimmy Campbell suffered a similar fate then later Paul Lewis was in front of goal but his attempt almost on the line went over the bar.

ADELAIDE CITY: Nisicoli: Shilabeer, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Villani, Melta, Santrac (Wilde 46th), Maxwell, Mullen, Vidmar.

CROATIA Runje: McIntosh, Curcio (Redmond 51st), Hannan, Campbell, Black, Gojevic, Markovac (Cristaldo 84th), Talajic, Abrahams, Lewis.

Referee: Jim Rossis
Crowd: 2006.

GAMBLE BACKFIRES AS LIONS CRASH TO LOSS

A gamble by Brisbane Lions coach Col Bennett to play four forwards backfired when his side crashed 3-1 to Sunshine George Cross at Richlands.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Bennett, prompted by repeated dour defensive performances by the Melbourne side on every previous visit to Brisbane, named Danny Wright, Brett Druery, David Richardson and Tom McGregor up front.

And he even juggled his defence to give Russell Stewart the same free attacking right-back role which is preferred by Frank Arok, and moved Steve Jackson into the middle to accommodate Alan Niven at left-back.

The tactic looked a winner in the first 20 minutes when Lions totally dominated. But Bennett could hardly have counted on some inexplicable concentration lapses in defence and poor goalkeeping from Wayne Evans.

Although Lions held the upper hand Sunshine broke through in

the 29th minute when Roger Bain scored from close range. But the effort was ruled off-side in what must have been a hair-line decision.

But Bain's disappointment was short-lived as just two minutes later his right footed corner from the left hand side curled directly into the goal. Evans may have been unsighted as big defender Frank Liddell and Sunshine striker Noel Mitten rose at the near post.

Sunshine maintained the lead until half-time despite losing Youth squad midfielder John Markovski, who hobbled off after a tough but fair tackle by Stewart.

Just 52 seconds into the second half Irish import David Richardson scored his first goal for Lions when he turned a

nothing through ball into a goal.

Richardson raced on to a ball which everyone had assumed would be taken by Sunshine 'keeper Sean Keogh. He toe-poked the ball past Keogh then showed great skill to stop it on the by-line and then weave his way back into the goalmouth as Keogh and two defenders tried to rob him. Richardson finished off with a delicate side-foot tap to level the scores.

But two nightmare mistakes later in the half from Richardson were to rob Lions of any hope of a point or the much needed two.

In the 63rd minute despite a sea of players in front of him Evans came off his line as the shout of "keepers ball" echoed around the ground.

Evans got nowhere near Tyrone Jones's floated cross and Noel Mitten knocked across for Steve Richardson to put away into the unattended net.

Then in the 72nd minute after a good break from Mitten, Don MacLaren was able to beat Evans with a weak shot which slowly bounced into the net.

Despite the result both coaches afterwards admitted they would need a miracle to maintain NSL status next year.

"That's the worst we've played in weeks but we got the points," Sunshine's John Gardner said.

"But NSL survival is still a long way off."

Lions Bennett was lost for answers. "We tried harder than we had in a lot of other games but the result was still the same. Maybe some answers will surface when we have next week off."

LIONS: Evans, R.Stewart, Jackson, Liddell, Niven, J.Stewart, Ogden, Druery (Morton 77), McGregor, Wright, Richardson.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Taylor, Parrott, James, Richardson, McLaren, Guider (Edwards 84), Mitten, Bain, Markovski (Lennon 40), Faulkner.

Referee: Ken Adriaansen.
Crowd: 977.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

BRUNSWICK JUVE ASCENDANT—IN 'GARDEN PARTY' DISPLAY

AFTER a gallant first half Green Gully succumbed to the class of Brunswick Juventus at Olympic Park on Sunday by 3-1.

In winning and by virtue of Footscray's home draw with Brisbane City, Brunswick are now the new Southern Division leader albeit on goal difference.

It was nowhere near Juve's best performance. Indeed coach Len McKendry was far from impressed by his sides' attitude during the first 45 minutes and chastised his players for approaching the game like a "garden party".

But his glowing grin was ample proof that his players had lifted their game, as they have done before when it really counted.

A goal arrived for the Black and Whites when, with just two minutes gone, a corner taken by Fabio Incantalupo was headed home by Paul Wade from close range.

Incredibly this set-back seemed to work wonders for the opposition and they nearly replied just three minutes later when Les Carter forced a good save from second string keeper Pat Marama.

To their credit Gully fought back strongly and were very unlucky not to equalise several times. In the 17th minute from a free-kick the ball fell to forward Tommy Cumming who missed a golden opportunity when his weak shot was again saved by Marama.

The classy Juventus midfield was totally outplayed in the first half and it was only poor finishing that let Green Gully down.

First Ward and then Douglas failed to convert half chances that can be so vital in these type of matches.

Whatever McKendry said to his players at half-time certainly did the trick — his charges displayed a remarkable transformation right from the kick-off.

Juventus were a much more impressive and aggressive outfit in the second half. In the 53rd minute speedy winger Andrew Zinni showed a real touch of class when he found space on the right flank, checked, then sent over an inch-perfect cross to the irrepressible Paul Wade who headed his and his sides' second goal — this time in spectacular diving fashion.

Just eight minutes later Juve repeated the dose, on this occasion through Zinni, who superbly struck home a volley after an excellent cross from team-mate Joe Palatsidis.

Any hopes of a whitewash were dealt a blow however when in the 66th minute Gully fullback Douglas was unceremoniously dumped by his opposite number Peter Lewis in the area.



BY CARLO DEL PORTO

Carter made no mistake from the ensuing penalty kick.

In similar circumstances Palatsidis was tripped by McClelland at the other end and the home team had a chance to make it 4-1. But captain Brian Brown's attempt was stopped by Gully keeper Lou Denys.

The last 15 minutes of the game were torrid and several yellow cards were shown as frustration set in — especially in the Green Gully camp.

A brave fight by them for 50 odd minutes had amounted to nothing in the end, as Brunswick marched on to record their tenth win of the season and secured themselves a place at the top of the ladder.

BRUNSWICK: Marama, Campbell (Durakovic), Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Petersen, Incantalupo, Zinni, Palatsidis.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Douglas, Hopman, Connell, Fraser, McClelland, Quigley, Dosopoulos (Campbell), Carter, Ward (Kadlerik), Curfening.

PRESTON 0
STH MELB 2

"SOUTH Melbourne Hellas are back in business," according to coach John Margaritis who was visibly elated after his team downed Preston Makedonia 2-0.

Charlie Egan and Danny Crainie were particularly outstanding in what was a solid team effort from Hellas.

In the 17th minute a Crainie cross was splendidly met by Carl Halford who headed in his team first goal.

In fact Hellas dominated proceedings but they had to wait till just four minutes from the end to seal the encounter and this they did spectacularly when once again Crainie crossed the ball into the penalty box picking out Stuart Stevenson who executed a perfect scissor-kick which left Preston keeper Phillip Traianedes looking on in disbelief.

PRESTON: Traianedes, Opalnis, Roodhouse, Ilioski (Van Egmond), Dobson, Heys, Petrov, Coie, Lane, McClelland, Neckovskid (Campbell).

It seemed as if Monaro were heading for yet another loss until Steve Winn bobbled up

STH MELB: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Halford, Egan, Murphy, Crainie, Stevenson, Anezakis.

HEIDELBERG 2
WEST ADELAIDE 2

OVERALL Adelaide Hellas did enough to win this all-Greek encounter but missed chances cost them dearly.

Australian World Cup referee Chris Bambridge sent off Heidelberg forward Claude Lucchesi in the 15th minute for kicking Tim Brown of Hellas, so in retrospect the Bergers did well to draw the game.

After going ahead 2-0 through Lou Hristo-

doulou in the 50th minute and Gary Ward in the 52nd the visitors seemed to relax, but the fighting spirit for which the Bergers are renowned can never be underestimated.

Captain Theo Selemidis pegged one back in the 59th minute and in a dramatic finale dynamic winger Peter Tsolakis bobbled up to grab the equaliser and salvage a point for the home team.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Katsakidis (Deligiannis), Marley, Hunter, Selemidis, Valentine, Wilson, Tsolakis, Lucchesi, Brown.

ADELAIDE: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Hlem, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos, Ward, Manou, Panagis.



Andrew Zinni.

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1
BRISBANE CITY 1

IN a dull affair at the Schintler Reserve Brisbane City showed enough determination to share the points with Footscray JUST, who have been displaced at the top of the ladder.

Footscray commenced well enough. Stosic had the home team 1-0 up after just five minutes but it was obvious Brisbane City were not going to lie down and they were rewarded for their brave efforts by a goal from defender Frank Mengotti on the half hour.

Brisbane showed that they are better than their second last position on the ladder would indicate. They even had to withstand the last ten minutes of the game without forward Alan Reis who was sent off after committing a second bookable offence.

On the other hand Footscray weathered a difficult period, but one hopes from their supporters point of view that they will do better in their quest for the Southern Division championship.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Barajakovic, Petrovski (Curovic), Belic, Vukovic, Tapal, Stosic, Latif, Karic, Spink.

BRISBANE CITY: Harrison, Archer, Mengotti, Caird, Fabrizio, Catalano, Chapman, White, Reis, Milosevic, Cooper.

ALL SMILES AS ROSEBUDS GRAB POINTS

WINNERS can smile and losers can please themselves.

By DAVE WILLIAMS

That's how it was in the dressing rooms at the Adamstown Sports Ground after Newcastle Rosebud United had scored a last minute 3-2 win over Canberra City Olympians.

In a match that was interesting but never reached any great height, each team held the lead in the first half.

And, a 2-2 draw appeared likely until former Australian Youth international Ralph Maier delivered the coup de grace in the 88th minute.

Rosebud coach, Peter Irving, accepted the win gratefully. "Two points at anytime is a good win," he said.

Canberra's player-coach, Steve Bryant, however, was extremely disappointed with the outcome.

"There was only one team out there. We made most of the play and now face an eight hour trip home with nothing to show for it," he said.

The game opened at a leisurely pace and when John Cavanah needlessly lost the ball to Palacios in the 12th minute, striker Hilton Phillips took a pass and out-paced Ian Bannon and Neil Owens to post Canberra's opening goal.

At the other end Rosebud forced a corner kick in the 23rd minute and midfielder John McQuarrie equalised when he hooked the ball wide of Anthony Franken from Ingham's kick.

Eight minutes later Ralph Maier took con-

trol inside the Canberra penalty area and set up Ingham to tuck the ball into the left-hand corner.

Nine minutes after halftime Jim Hamilton and Bryant combined to set up a chance for Ian Gibson but his header struck the cross-bar.

In the 57th minute Gibson broke through the Rosebud defence but Bannon managed to block his shot.

Gosling, playing with an injured left knee and ankle and under pressure from Canberra, made two excellent saves from consecutive corner kicks before referee Gary Power awarded Canberra a penalty, ruling that the ball had come from Matthew Garland's arm. Palacios made no mistake with his shot to level the scores again.

But Rosebud rallied and when Power gave the home side a free-kick just outside the penalty area two minutes from fulltime, Maier breached the wall-defence with a scorching shot low and to the right of Franken.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gosling, Maier, Milosevic, Bannon, Owens, Garland, Cavanah, McQuarrie, Namouv (Crabtree 71), Ingham, Jones.

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIC: Franken, Byrne, Cant, Mazis, Phillips, Sermanni, Palacios, Bryant, Gibson, Harkins, Hamilton.

Referee Gary Power.
Crowd: 1,200.

INTER MONARO ALMOST CAUSE THE SHOCK OF THE SEASON

STRUGGLING Inter Monaro played some of their best Soccer for weeks and almost brought off the shock of the season with a 1-1 draw against Marconi at Bruce Stadium.

BY GRAHAM COOKE

It was a set back for Marconi's championship hopes and a disappointed coach, Les Scheinflug, said afterwards, "On that form we deserve to be fighting against relegation rather than going for the title."

Indeed it was hard to see how almost the length of the league separated the teams as Monaro went all out for the winner in the last quarter of an hour.

After a lifeless first half Marconi took the lead in the 53rd minute when Peter Treddinnick's swinging corner found Rod Brown, who hammered his eighth goal of the season past Monaro goalkeeper Nick Antonopoulos.

It seemed as if Monaro were heading for yet another loss until Steve Winn bobbled up

to head a Ricky Budini free-kick over the head of goalkeeper Bruce James into the net after 74 minutes.

There was an element of good fortune about the goal as James, presumably through a lapse in concentration, had positioned himself badly, but there was no luck about the way Monaro took charge of the game from then on.

In a barnstorming last 15 minutes they created more chances than they did in the previous 10 games.

First Marko Perinovic found himself clear through with the Marconi defence flat-footed and appealing for off-side, but James rushed out to whip the ball off his feet.

Then a Perinovic header was saved by James; Attilio Carbone's corner was met by Winn, but this time the ball thudded against the bar; finally the luckless Perinovic fired a shot straight into

James's body.

It was an amazing transformation from the first half in which Monaro's best chance came when Perinovic headed a Billy Willox pass just past the post.

INTER MONARO: Antono-

poulos, Budini, Carbone, Willox (Ambrosino 79), Titalis, Djordjeski, Galletti, Walsh, Perinovic, Winn, Brennan (Wotherspoon 74).

MARCONI: James, Carter, Henderson, Wheatley, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Treddinnick, Starrey, E'All.

Referee: B. Upjohn
Crowd: 510.



□ ROD BROWN

ANYHOW — CONGRATS TO THE ASF

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION deserves a hearty pat on the back and every congratulation going for securing their new \$2 million, four year sponsorship from the Winfield Corporation.

For the next four years, the Winfield Socceroos will be backed by one of the most sport conscious companies in Australia — ready, willing and more than able to really take Soccer at international level in this country into the 20th century.

There is no sport in this day and age — no matter which code or where they are domiciled — that can hope to compete on even terms in the international arena without the backing of big business.

The ASF, under the shrewd direction of

President Sir Arthur George, now has this backing.

The way I see it, the sky's now the limit for our Socceroos.

The Winfield Company more than proved their ability to promote and help bring the Socceroos to the fore, in the two World Cup qualifying games against Scotland last year.

This was the shot in the arm the national team needed and it came at the opportune time.

The continuation of this partnership for the next four years is what

the national team had been crying out for to give it the standing it deserves in the Australian community at large.

For let's face it, we certainly have a national team we can be proud of, of this I'm thoroughly convinced.

Winfield Socceroo coach Frank Arok and ASF executive director Brian Emery have sat down and mapped out a blueprint for the next four years for the national team.

It is a highly acceptable and workable plan designed to give the Soc-

ceroos the best preparation ever undertaken by a football team in this country.

The major goal is of course, qualification for the 1990 World Cup Finals in Italy.

Participation in 'The Greatest Football Show on Earth' — the World Cup Finals — must always be the major aim of any nation and Australia is no exception.

The World Cup Final series recently played in Mexico proved to be a bigger talking point in sport than even the Olympics at their best.

The series in 1990 in Italy will be even bigger and now, with the help of the Winfield

Corporation, we have more than an even chance of getting there.

But, of course, one of the steps before the World Cup, is qualification for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

*The winner of the Oceania series has received straight through qualification for Seoul and there is no reason in the world why this will not be the Winfield Socceroos.

Sure Israel and New Zealand will again be tough propositions, but after last year's win in the World Cup qualifying games, Frank Arok and his team have a great psychological advantage over their Oceania rivals.

Another big plus in the present national team situation is the boosted credibility the Winfield Socceroos won in their two clashes against Scotland.

These two games at Hampden and Olympic Park Melbourne received world wide television coverage and the performance of our boys made all and sundry sit up and take note.

When I was in Mexico for the World Cup final series, the great Argentine 1978 World Cup winning coach Luis Menotti informed me he was thrilled by the way coach Arok's Socceroos had handled themselves at the top level against the Scots.

"Having had first hand experience of watching Australia's youth team in action in the Joao Havelange Tournament in Mexico I was always puzzled why they couldn't carry their dexterity on at senior level," Menotti said.

"However the two games against Scotland have now shown me that this is now happening and the senior team is on the right track to make a real name for itself.

"It's very, very pleasing to see this being made to happen by little Soccer nations striving to break into the big-time.

"I congratulate coach Arok, he must be working very hard."

Praise indeed when it comes from a renowned authority on the world game such as Menotti — they don't come any better than this guy.

But the new standing of the Winfield Socceroos is not only confined to Luis Menotti and many of the top nations and clubs want to come here and mix it with Arok's Army.

At club level visits by English champions and FA Cup holders Liverpool, Scottish champions Celtic, Argentina's Penarol, West Germany's SV Hamburg and Stuttgart and Manchester United to name a few, are in the pipeline.



BY TOM ANDERSON

At international level, the Netherlands and Russian Olympic teams have already stated their wishes to come here early in the new year.

Also Brazil want the Socceroos down in Rio and South Korea have made a request for Australia to go to Seoul to play two games — all expenses paid.

The Asians wanted the matches to be played within the next three weeks, but because of the Czech visit this was not possible.

Hopefully, the games can be re-scheduled to take place immediately after the tour of China in November.

Then of course, we will have the big Bicentenary series here in 1988 with the World's best taking part.

If this isn't a healthy situation and one that augurs well for the future of our national team then nothing is.

As I wrote in my column last week, the international arena is where the future of the game in this country lies.

The developments with the sponsorship etc, now puts the Winfield Socceroos on a par with the other codes in this country.

For me and I'm sure every fair minded sports fan here the situation is gratifying and very welcome 5 not only for our senior players striving hard for recognition in the international arena but for the thousands of kids kicking a Soccer ball in this great country of ours.

Now they really have something to aim for in a code that certainly is going places.



Australian coach Frank Arok and the Socceroo bench celebrate Australia's great 2-0 win over New Zealand in the Oceania World Cup elimination match at the Sydney Sports Ground last year.

LETTERS

CHANGE OUR WORLD CUP PLAY-OFFS

AFTER reading all the discussion on the unavailability of players for our World Cup campaigns, I think the solution is simple.

We should have our World Cup play-offs in the European off season. If we did this there would be no problems at all in getting the release of our players.

This is exactly how they worked around the problem in South America. The Argentines had Maradona, Valdano and Passarella in their line up for the qualifiers, because there were no problems in club-country commitment conflicts.

This change would

also be advantageous to Australia also because players would be at peak fitness, as it would be mid season here.

An interruption like this to the domestic scene should be tolerated because it is for the good of all Australian Soccer (plus once in 4 years is not that often).

After knocking us around like they do, FIFA should at least grant us this privilege.

Then players such as Crino, Krncevic, Patikos, Bernal, Dorigo and Johnston can join players on the home front such as Arnold, Soper, Jennings, Davidson and Co, to truly give us our strongest team.

It would make our combination second to none. This in my opinion is the only solution we

reasonably have in order to get around the problem of player availability.

Michael Cuzic,
Croydon 2132

QUEENSLAND'S PLAYERS

BEING an avid reader of your "Soccer Weekly" and having had a few letters of mine printed for which I thank you, after reading last week's article by Ray Gatt of the Sydney Morning Herald I thought it was reasonably good.

When I think of Soccer here in Australia, some of those writers do amaze me. Actually Mr Gatt I don't know whether you or most of your experts know that Queensland is still a part of Australia.

About a month ago Queensland's Soccer team beat the famous Blues from NSW 1-0 and the score should have read at least 3-0.

I also know two of your best players missed out that day maybe

due to injury and we all know Mr Arok wasn't there.

I might sound a wee bit fanatical about Brisbane Lions, who are going through a bad phase, due mainly to a few injuries and suspensions, but to me if Danny Wright, who is one of the injured at the moment is not one of the best forwards in Australia, I'll eat this pen.

John Stewart is a good industrious player and so is his brother Russell.

Also, as I've said on numerous occasions if Steve Jackson is not the best utility defender in Australia then I'll stop watching the game.

On that day Queensland beat NSW he was easily the best player on the field, so I say to you Mr Gatt and I wish you no harm that most of you Southerners and that applies to your Rugby League code also, wake up.

We have good sportsmen up here in the Sunshine State, so I

finish, with names of Danny Wright John and Russell Stewart, Steve Jackson and Johnny Ogden and by the way I forgot Alan Hunter's brother who is also injured, David Hunter.

Samuel McGregor,
Inala, Qld.

WORLD, AUSSIE SELECTIONS

THIS is my selection for the World Cup '86 team. Every player is a brilliant attacker, yet it also includes five of the best ball winners in the world. (My team must be geared to having possession).

Zaki, Josimar, Bossis, Cesar, Amoros, Alemao, Elzo, Platini, Maradona, Careca, Laudrup.

Also I think this is Arok's best team for the upcoming series: Franken, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, Dunn, Postecoglou, Murphy, Raskopoulos, Odzakov, Farina, Arnold.

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Flashback MAGIC

The Hajduk tour in the late forties brought a new era of visiting European players on to the Australian scene.

Excellent crowds were drawn, especially at Sydney Showground. Ken Hough of Drummoyne and later with Auburn was in Australia's goal. At that stage Drummoyne had the great Ron Lord as his understudy.

With the whistle in the bottom right corner is top referee Frank Chidgey — a name that was once famous in Gladesville-Ryde.



Goalkeeper Ken Hough in the Australian goal, fends the ball away in the Fifth Soccer Test against Hajduk at Sydney Showground on September 10 1949.

MARCONI coach Les Scheinflug is in the enviable position at the moment of having an abundance of forwards.

The embarrassing situation arises when you see that David Lowe, Rod Brown, Mark Jankovics, Osvaldo El'All and Geoff Gunning could all hold their own in any company.

Gunning in fact has been in inspired form, scoring 15 goals in only eight outings for the Marconi Youth League side.

FRANK AROK's national squad certainly has a certain balance about it.

Of the 24 players, 14 are tried and tested whilst there are ten newcomers.

MARCONI have a new addition to their ranks ... the 'Marconi Mystiques'.

The 'Mystiques' comprise of about a dozen delightful cheerleaders that Marconi have enlisted for every home game and the final play-offs later in the season.

LIONS coach Col Bennett has ceased training with his squad after injuring Danny Wright and Nick Meredith in training accidents. Bennett, nicknamed 'Desperate Dan' because of his cowboy looks, has been the butt of countless jokes at Lions while reporters have taken to ringing on Friday to get the "hit list".

SOME of us can never understand how coaches feel they get a true reflection of the game from the bench.

And we notice that Brunswick Juventus boss Len McKendry took advantage of the Hindmarsh Stadium stand to view his team for the full game against Adelaide Hellas from the higher vantage point.

THE number of visiting NSL players who want to stay over after playing in Adelaide is increasing.

The reason? The lure of the new Casino. So in one way a defeat can mean a boost for SA if visiting players leave their bonus money behind in the State.

WELL known Canberra businessman Con Poulos has angrily criticised the League's formula for next year's proposed OASL.

Mr Poulos of Belconnen states: "One of the requisites that the League demands is the number of supporters that clubs attract to matches."

"How can provincial clubs such as Canberra and Newcastle compete with Melbourne or Sydney clubs, when only one set of supporters are able to attend our home matches?!"

SOCCEROO striker John Kosmina could be playing in South Australia next year — but not for a club or the Socceroos.

The SA State squad may be boosted with the inclusion of Kosmina in a game against the touring Russian national side in February.

SA officials are thinking of bringing in interstate guests to boost attendances and give a more international flavor to the match.

Bobby Russell, who also started his career in Australia in Adelaide with Adelaide City, may also be considered.

SYDNEY CITY's Israeli international guest star, ELI OHANA, cut short his visit and rushed back to Jerusalem to decide in which direction his football career was headed.

Ohana has been the target of many clubs in Europe, notably from France and England, and the transfer fee set by his Israeli club, Betar Jerusalem of \$250,000 made his decision to leave a matter of urgency.

The 22-year-old winger stated that he was attempting to get the fee reduced as he is determined to play in Europe.

As for his stay in Australia, Ohana commented, "I hope I have helped Sydney City. I have enjoyed my stay and think that this experience will have helped me."



AUSTRALIA's captain JOHN KOSMINA takes on Juventus and Italy captain Gaetano Scirea at the SCG two years ago.

CANBERRA OLD BOYS SHOOT FOR 1986 CHAMPIONSHIP

CANBERRA City Old Boys have made a meteoric rise to the top of Division Six in the ACT Senior League and have dropped the word that they mean serious business to take out the Championship.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS (with tongue in cheek)

The Canberra City team is studded with Soccer personalities.

The president of the club is none other than Charles Perkins, with former Australian World Cup skipper Johnny Warren being the Old Boys player-coach.

Canberra City Olympians' NSL Youth coach Mick Black is the side's most valuable player, whilst former Australian World Youth Championship defender Danny Moulis scored a hat-trick just two weeks ago from the right-back position.

Danny's father, Theo, a well known businessman in Canberra, covers the left-back spot to keep things in the family whilst at the same time he is the top "age-scorer" with 51 years knocked up.

Former Canberra NSL stars such as the goalscoring Ivan Gruicic and Kenny Kawaleva also form a most vital cog in the Canberra Old Boys machine.

Two weeks ago coach

Johnny Warren in two matches pushed up from the midfield to knock in a hat-trick in Canberra's 7 nil victory against CACE. The next day Warren lashed in another four scalps in the Old Boys' 12 nil victory against the Defence Forces team.

Thank heavens the Russians are still pre-occupied with Chernobyl.

Charles Perkins, although a left flank-striker, rebelled (uncharacteristically) against Warren's tactical instructions in that match and switched himself to the right flank.

When Perkins was reprimanded by the coach for disobeying team instructions, the perky Perkins snapped back:

"Their right fullback was too tough and too fast for me," the placid Perkins pleaded.

Last Saturday, the Old Boys saddled up again and took on Belconnen at Kippax.

Canberra Old Boys ran out winners to the tune of 5 nil.

Their glorious victory leaves them top of the League with a Round Robin of the top eight teams starting this weekend.

When questioned about his team, the coach told ASW: "Theo Moulis is real value for money. His attitude as well as contribution to the team is by far the best."

For 1987 Season, Canberra Old Boys have secured a valuable

sponsorship from "Dencorub" valued at \$10,000.

No cash is involved. It's all product.

BLACKTOWN CITY defender Peter Denyer's wife, Joy, has travelled a very long way to watch her husband play. In addition to the 12,000 miles from England, she journeyed to Wollongong for the match against the Wolves. However, when hubbie strode forward to take a penalty and subsequently score his first goal for the Demons, Joy was nowhere to be seen. It seems she was busy in the powder-room tidying her brand new hair-style.

WOLLONGONG's ball-playing midfielder SAUL RIVERO will more than likely be out for the rest of the season after being carried off on a stretcher in the match against Marconi and taken to Fairfield Hospital.

Rivero is suffering from a back injury and a pulled calf muscle. Both injuries are receiving intensive physiotherapy and will continue to do so for some two months.

His physiotherapist claims Rivero will miss the rest of the season.

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THE Heidelberg players had some fun with team-mate John Kanesoulis during their recent overnight visit to Brisbane. With the help of an equally mischievous local journal, they lined up Kanesoulis for an interview with Channel 6 — Queensland Greek TV. Kanesoulis got an interesting ride around Brisbane as the baffled cab driver tried to find the non-existent television station.

LIVERPOOL's Craig Johnston made a secret visit to Brisbane a fortnight ago to do a fast food commercial at south-side club, Rochdale. But word spread quickly that the FA Cup hero was at Underwood Park and people came out of the woodwork to have a look. True to his style, Johnston spent many hours autographing everything from Soccer balls to lolly wrappers.

IT's a goer! Yes the Soccer Media v 1974 Socceroos game is on...

A meeting with NSL General Manager, Stefan Kamasz has seen the match set down for either a pipe-opener to the Northern Division Grand Final or the Sydney leg of the OASL Grand Final. As to which one, this will be decided in the near future.

The media side will comprise primarily of Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) members with a few places for guests such as Eddie Thomson, Terry Greedy and Stefan himself.

WOLLONGONG CITY youth team midfielder John Brown was disappointed to miss on Les Scheinflug's squad to play Czechoslovakia but he has some consolation.

Brown is off to Scotland at the end of the season to train with Glasgow Rangers and learn as much as he can about the game while he is there.

He has proved a valuable player with the "Wolf Cubs" and played a major role in their championship win last season when he was still only 17.



Probable media representative, ASW scribe and Australian International — TERRY GREEDY.

ADELAIDE Hellas will ask the National League for a new date for its Nanda Cup semi-final against Canberra at Hindmarsh Stadium.

While it will have only two Socceroos in the squad to play Czechoslovakia — Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn — it also has key first team man Lou Hristodoulou in the national Youth team, which is playing the Czech Youth side at the same time during the August series.

It is understood Hellas will ask for a Wednesday night game under the Hindmarsh Stadium lights.

IT seems that the consensus amongst the Soccer fraternity in Australia is favourable towards the inclusion of young South Melbourne defender, Angelo Postecoglou.

Both Eddie Thomson and Rale Rasic have been quoted as saying that they are happy to see the newcomer selected. 'E.T.' says, "Among the newcomers, I am particularly happy to see Angie Postecoglou there. He's the best young fullback in the National League."

CASTLE HILL will meet Birrong High School in the semi final of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup to be played as the curtain raiser to the Socceroos-Czechoslovakia International at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday August 10.

A SUGGESTION has also been made that a sponsor will be asked to fly another Socceroo, front runner David Mitchell, from West Germany for a guest appearance against the Soviet side.

However, it has yet to be confirmed that Eintracht Frankfurt would release the international.

THE City Club of Canberra, the original national league Soccer club back in 1977, is to back the national capital's team to the tune of \$10,000 in the forthcoming Indoor Soccer League of Australia.

The NISL kicks off in September and will feature ten teams this year — two from Canberra, the Canberra City Strikers sponsored by the City Club and the Canberra Rockets, one from Adelaide, two from Queensland, two from Melbourne and three from Sydney including last year's national champions, the Sydney Tornados.

MEANWHILE Les Scheinflug, Marconi's coach was a little disappointed.

"I have to be honest and say I was disappointed that several of my Marconi players were not selected."

"Robbie Wheatley is most unlucky. We don't really know how good Wheatley is — many players grow in stature when they are handed the green and gold jersey."

Yet after Marconi's effort against Monaro at the weekend 'Fluggers' must have thought about doing some rethinking.

RADE STEFANOVSKI made a big impact when he returned to the Wollongong City side against Monaro.

He set up the two goals for Robert Giraldi in a 2-0 win and once again proved he is a real personality player — not too many of them are around.

Originally from Yugoslavia, having arrived in Australia in 1981, he started out with Wollongong Macedonia.

At the start of last season he switched to the Wolves after a lengthy transfer problem.

He was listed at \$5000 but after three appeals to the NSW Federation that was reduced to \$1500 and eventually he paid for his own contract to get away.

At that stage he was out of work and the gesture proved just how keen he was to get into the National League.

The little midfielder hasn't had too many opportunities in the top side since but has certainly made his point.

Coach John Fleming is hoping Stefanovski can continue to "deliver the goods" in the remaining games this season.

"He certainly provided us with something different against Monaro and deserves credit for the way he puts everything he has into his game," Fleming said.

THERE are pretty tough cookies in the team down in the capital — Canberra.

Last week both Steve Bryant and John Mihailidis were discharged from hospital and both raced straight to training with the Canberra City Olympians.

Bryant was discharged from hospital after being under observation for a kidney ailment and went direct to the Bruce Stadium to prepare his side for the game against St George.

Mihailidis, Canberra's mobile defender, was in the same ward as Bryant having an operation on his broken nose.

His reward for eagerness and rushing back to the side was to sustain a nasty ankle injury after colliding with Ray Junna.

TWO young goalkeepers have grabbed the chance to make their names.

We're referring to Adelaide City's Steve Niscioi who has starred as the injured Willie McNally's deputy, and Pat Marama, who stepped in early in the summer for Brunswick Juventus' Yakka Banovic, then again at short notice the other week in the 2-1 win over Adelaide Hellas.

NSW referees have placed a ban on all games involving the Colombian club in the Inter-Urban League.

This followed the incident in the game between Colombian — Macedonia Yagoona two weekends back when leading Sydney referee Terry Seacy and his linesman were allegedly assaulted by a Colombian player.

The game was abandoned after 27 minutes.

BLACKTOWN's coach Casey de Bruin expressed bitter disappointment after he had heard that his talented striker Robbie Slater had been omitted from the Socceroo squad.

"I feel very sorry for the player — out of 14 games he's had two bad ones," de Bruin said.

"Maybe national coach Frank Arok didn't pick him because he didn't score enough goals."

Slater was not the only top-line front-runner omitted though. Marconi's duo of Rod Brown and David Lowe must feel very hard done by.

ANOTHER Blacktown defender, Martin Bourke, has not had the best of seasons with injury. A stress fracture under his heel has been troubling him, but he is back on the job with the aid of a special pad to reduce the pressure of his foot on the ground.

NICE touch by Aussie captain JOHN KOSMINA last weekend.

'Kossie' openly sympathised with the players who failed to make the Socceroo squad but declared: "They should not get disillusioned about their World Cup prospects."

"The three games against the Czechs is just the start. There's a long way to go before Frank (Arok) sorts out his final make-up for the next World Cup campaign."

REPRESENTATIVES from three of Greece's leading teams will be in Australia to view the Socceroo performances against Czechoslovakia.

Agents from AEK, Panathinaikos and Olympiakos will fly in to scout for talent for their clubs and their upcoming season.

Their action stems from JIM PATIKAS' move to AEK and the success that he is making of his career over there.

BLACKTOWN CITY conducted their most successful of its Tuesday night Coaching Clinics when they visited Greystanes Soccer Club on the 15th July.

Some 300 players were in attendance to receive coaching and advice from the Demons' first team squad.

Casey de Bruin was absolutely staggered by the attendance and it was fortunate that he had arranged for the full squad to be there.

"A night like this is good for both clubs and for the game itself," he said. "As well as being a good promotion, the kids were really keen to learn and to improve their game."

Greystanes Club Coach, Barry Davis, said that he greatly appreciated the contribution Blacktown City was making to the junior clubs. "It is tremendous to see a senior club take a valuable training night to work with the local children," he said.

"No other National League club would do this much and we thank them for their contribution to our club."

Afterwards, the Demons were treated to sausage sandwiches, salad and a beer (or two), during which they were besieged by autograph-hunting kids and knowledge seeking coaches.

Still later in the evening, the Blacktown City Promotions Committee met with Greystanes members to offer some advice on methods of improving the junior club and of seeking sponsorship.

A very successful evening was enjoyed by all concerned.

STAUNCH Apia defender ARNO BERTOGNA has certainly not given up hope after missing out on selection for the national squad once more.

Bertogna says: "I don't want to comment on the situation but I will keep trying. I am determined to regain a spot in the Socceroo squad."

A MILESTONE was reached by SA's FIFA referee Donald Campbell last Sunday week.

He chalked up his 200th National League match.



ARNO BERTOGNA (right)

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THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



IF St George was a racehorse they would have opened an enquiry by now to pinpoint the reasons for the inconsistent form this season.

You only have to look back at the last four or five rounds to wonder what is going on at the club.



TOMMY McCULLOCH in the thick of action once again.



The Saints have a squad strong enough to figure prominently in the final five play-off series but to date we have failed to produce two good performances back-to-back.

With Frank Arok holding the national coaching position as well as guiding the Saints I'm sure players in opposing teams lift their game in an effort to impress the national coach.

This has meant that the team has to overcome players showing more determination and producing extra effort to enhance their chances of being included in the national squad.

The dismal strike rate would suggest that some players are playing on borrowed time. I only hope it isn't too late for the club to reverse the present slide and gain a place in the top five.

MARCONI

Marconi were my tip for the title at the beginning of the year and I see no reason to change my selection. People have been talking about a two horse race, but with the run in to the finish I can see the results of Olympic and Croatia assisting Marconi's push for the title.

They appear to be hitting form at the right

time of the season. Les Scheinflug has many years of experience to draw on and knows what is required to win the league.

YOUNG MAC

Great to see Tommy McCulloch back in the game after a late start to the season. Tommy impressed everyone in the last national squad with his skill and positioning. He is a potential cham-



OSVALDO EL'ALI, one of Marconi's stars.

pion and Australian Soccer is not so blessed that it can afford to lose a talent of the calibre of Thomas.

I know coach Eddie Thomson believes he may well develop into one of the best ever midfielders to represent Australia. Eddie has certainly backed his judgement with the financial outlay to secure his services for the Kickers. (Whoops! I mean the Slickers!)

To date, for various reasons we have not seen the best of Tommy McCulloch but once he settles with his new club I'm sure that inclusion in the national team will only be a formality.

NISCOLI

National Youth team coach Les Scheinflug voiced concern over the goalkeeping position for his new squad. Surely the form of Steve Niscoli in the Adelaide City team warrants inclusion in the squad. His displacement recently have played an important role in City's surge up the league ladder.

PROMOTION

A recent opinion poll which sought views from each club on the league format to be implemented next year uncovered some disturbing points.

Communication between clubs participating in the present set-up seems to be limited. This often poses a problem with clubs working in opposition to each other with promotion of the game.

Rarely do delegates from each club meet to discuss innovations and ideas which will help develop the game.

Attitudes range from extreme optimism to utter despair for the 1987 competition, but most agree that the promotion of the new competition will determine whether Soccer succeeds or fails. If they see promotion as the main ingredient for success then surely, as soon as the make-up of the league is known the participants have to get together and formulate a plan of attack to increase interest.

A united front with co-operation replacing inter club rivalry and personal likes and dislikes must prevail if the 1987 league is going to survive and grow.

Judging on the past performances from leaders of the game this approach may be asking the impossible. If this is the case then it must be time for some senior administrators to step down and allow the younger members to take control.

OUR YOUNG PLAYERS HAVE IMPROVED GREATLY

A SHORT spell coaching amongst the representative players at St George leaves me quite convinced of the great improvement among young Soccer players in this country.

In the 1960s at South Coast United (now Wollongong Wolves) we had a great side, but there was only one Australian in the team.

There were many fine players from England including Derek Mayer, a former regular with Preston, ex England players Bill Perry and coach Jim Kelly and John Doherty from Fulham.

Australian representative full back Barry Salisbury, for much of the season, was the only Aussie in the team. He was later joined by a youthful Max Tolson and Dennis Patterson.

In those days, these young Aussies stood out mainly because of their rarity. Today there are great Australian players throughout the country.

I know there are some people who think that the standard of Australian developed players has not improved in the last 10 years.

I cannot join them in this belief.

Look at: Tony Franken, Frank Farina, Mike Gibson, Alex Bundalo, Peter Raskopoulous, Chris Kalantzis, come to mind.

There are so many more throughout the

country.

John Warren mentioned recently the reason for the fall off of our player players when they reach maturity.

Work, and leagues that do not test them enough, were cited as the main cause.

I would endorse that.

The boys I coach at St

George are skilful.

Many, even most of them, are of ethnic background and they in-

herit a love of Soccer from their fathers.

I hope they will not have the same attitude to that of a professional team I coached which sought to finish training early so that the players could watch the State of Origin Rugby League game between NSW and Queensland.

I have got to admit that I rate Rugby League as the world's second worst game — behind gridiron.

Some people see it as sad the way the ethnic influence now domin-

ates our Soccer.

The facts are that Australians do not follow Soccer in large numbers.

They do not have the "feel" for the "game" which those from overseas have.

This is understandable, with the great emphasis in Australia given to Rugby League and Aussie Rules.

The game will increase in ethnic flavour as South American groupings seek professional status for their Soccer clubs.

Given the more volatile nature of some of the national groups, it seems obvious we will continue to get flare ups, on and off the field.

On the other hand most of these people love Soccer, know Soccer and can appreciate good Soccer.

They, and the Soccer loving Australian born people, will nurture some great Australian Soccer talent over these next two decades.

Much of it will go overseas, but much of it will also stay here.

And, it is for this reason that they need the very best competition available to them.

BY MIKE JOHNSON



This, means a top standard national league.

This has to be the ultimate club level, where the best clubs and best players compete.

CREDIBILITY IS SPOT ON TARGET

READING Tom Anderson's interesting article last week on "Soccer must revamp to compete" throws up a topic that needs careful consideration.

He is spot on with his argument of the national team getting exposure.

There is no doubt that the credibility of the game in this country hinges on having a national team worthy of note and also a top league or leagues — whichever format is decided upon.

Often, we seem to get distorted views of what we need for our code to get the media coverage it deserves.

The shop window is the national team and the next one is where the top players are playing and getting the promo-

tion it needs to fire the public's imagination.

Until we get that, and we've started with the national teams' exposure, good results and new sponsorship with Winfield, we'll always be the poor relations.

It's vital that junior Soccer is programmed right and it's vital to have a top U/16 national team and a top U/19 national team.

But, really, even if we have the best in the world at that level — and we're not far short — unless the top of the sport is the best, the game will never get the



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

credibility it needs.

If the top is the best then the rest of the code is bound to reap the benefits.

Incentives will be there at all levels, and the success of Soccer would be assured for years to come.



MAX TOLSON one of the greats of Australian football was also a champion for the old South Coast club.



ALEX BUNDALO of Apia.

ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY NOT THE SAVIOUR

UNLIKE many I don't see the 14 team format as the saviour of Australian club Soccer.



TWO of Canberra's Soccer extraordinaires, Charlie Perkins and Johnny Warren prior to a recent Old Boys match.

There is something more structurally wrong with the game at club level than a mere reorganisation of our best clubs.

Reorganisation aside however, which businessman in his right mind would back our clubs collectively or individually.

Let's take a look at some "bottom line" official figures from one of Sydney clubs, which last year, by its own previously excellent standards, had a very mediocre year.

Apart from Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia, the following figures would just about apply to all other Sydney clubs in the Northern Division.

Basically the club had income of \$160,000 (\$58,000 from gates and \$93,000 from sponsorships and donations).

Against this income the club had expenses of \$354,000.

In other words a short fall of \$194,000 for the honour and privilege of playing in our National League.

In the club's \$354,000 expenditure were:

- \$142,000 players wages, signing on and match fees
- \$52,000 coaching, physiotherapist, training fees
- \$17,000 affiliation fees
- \$16,000 advertising and promotion

With the end of the tunnel in sight some

businessmen may be prepared to suffer short term losses to back Soccer.

But our club problem is that there appears little light at the end of the tunnel even with a new look league and that deficits of \$190,000 odd are the surest and quickest way to go to the wall.



This week JOHNNY WARREN looks over the format for the 1987 NSL ...



This photo was taken prior to a Canberra City Old Boys match. From left to right: Igor, Charlie Perkins, Neal Hummel, and another player.

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West Wallsend			
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Carlingford			
Birrong	Birrong 2-1	Birrong	
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Keira			
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St Johns Park			
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BLACKTOWN CITY BATTLES FOR RECOGNITION

AT the beginning of 1986 season few people would have given Blacktown City much chance of surviving to play in the new format League in 1987.

After all, they had suffered the tragic loss of Soccerro Phil O'Connor, Stuart Selvage and Cliff Pointer had retired and John McKie, Mike Quarmby and home-grown star Robbie Wheatley had moved on.

This situation forced Blacktown City into the transfer market where they bought wisely and well.

Their most important buy was surely that of

BY BARRY DAVIES

Robbie Slater from St George at the bargain-basement price of

\$15,000.

In addition, they bought defenders Jeff Ainsworth, Peter Willis and Don McLeod. David Curtis returned from loan to add to

depth to the goalkeeping talents of Barry Hoare, the Demon's NSL player of the year in 1985.

Other acquisitions were Darren Northam and David Sharpe from the AIS, Joe Carroll, Adam Sandy and Peter Denyer.

Together with John Bradley, Martin Bourke, Steven Knight, Gary Byrne and Brett Thornthwaite, they had what appears to be — on paper — a reasonably strong squad. It seemed even stronger when Paul Kay was added in mid-season.

The biggest problem with adding so many new players to a squad is one of moulding them into an effective team. The individual talents of the players were very good but it took the positive and forward-thinking talents of Casey de Bruin to achieve the task.

GET TOGETHER

Slowly but surely, de Bruin has built a "family" atmosphere among the squad both on and off the training ground and this has contributed greatly to the overall strength of the club. The players have had the opportunity to get to know each other as people as well as their various playing strengths.

The result has been some very creditable performances in both the first team and the U/19s.

Casey de Bruin takes

up the story. "We have added some very good quality players to the squad and I am pleased with the results we have achieved so far. I'm not satisfied, just pleased.

"From the start, we faced quite a challenge but my assistants, Cliff Pointer and Stuart Selvage and I have worked quite hard to meet it head on.

"We still need one or two good quality players but there are budget limitations to be considered. People tend to forget that we are only a very young club and we haven't had the time to establish either the traditions or the playing depth of clubs like Croatia, Sydney City, Marconi and Sydney Olympic.

"Slowly but very surely, we are getting there though. We already have some great up-and-coming talent in Darren Northam, David Sharpe, Paul Quarmby, Russell Gendle, David Scott, Martin Bourke, etc., who will be ready to stake substantial claims for regular first team places within the next 12 months, so there is a nucleus for the future.

"Add to that the fact that we have a fairly young first team and that the U/13, 14 and 15 teams have performed very, very well in the NSW Youth League and you have a future which

has never looked brighter for the Club.

ASSISTANTS

"I must add a word of praise for Stuart and Cliff, who have contributed enormously to our efforts. They are both great to work with and, for the first time in my career, I am working with assistants who I trust absolutely. I know that their interest is in getting the job done and not in trying to get my job.

"Nobody realises just how much the club means to us (the coaching staff). For example, if Blacktown City remains in the National League for next year and I were to retire, I would always be able to look back and know that I had done something for the game, put something back for all the years of pleasure it has given me. The National League needs Blacktown City and I will be well satisfied if we can ensure that the club is there."

The Demons' strength lies not only in their playing and coaching staff though. They have a top-flight administration, headed by Paul Morrison and Peter Thorne, which attends to the business end of running the club, of which the licensed premises are an integral part.

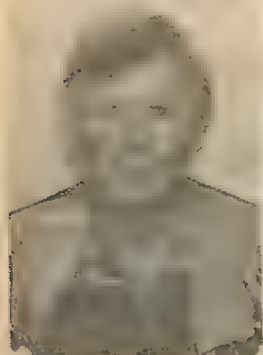
They also have a hard-working Promotions Committee, chaired by Bob Brooks, which has been very busy attracting the much-needed increase in support for the club.

CLINICS

They have set about their task by taking the first team squad to local clubs each Tuesday for coaching clinics, giving local children free student passes for home matches, running match-day competitions for the juniors, producing a first class match programme, employing a Media-Relations person, organising a coaching course for local junior coaches and conducting the Family Nights in the adjacent licensed club after each home game.

It would appear, judging by the improved attendances and the tremendous local interest in the club, that they are achieving their task.

Blacktown City has a great deal going for it at present and a great deal to offer the game. They are working very hard at proving this in 1986 and it is to be hoped that they will be able to continue the good work at the top level well into the future. If their efforts to date are any indication, they have little to worry about.



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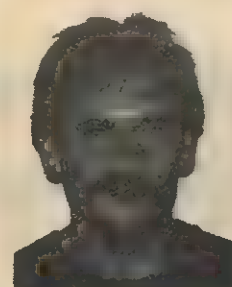
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THE MELITA BABES ARE HERE — THEIR PRIDE IS DEVELOPING

HOW about a team which is recognised as one of the best in the NSW Skypak State League, yet often fields nine players who are 21 years and under.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Rarely will you find a side with genuine skills which is so dependent on such youthful players.

Says coach Dennis Hoggart: "I believe we played teams like Rockdale, Manly and Sutherland off the park when we met them."

"I was only our lack of maturity that at times has cost us the final result."

"We have this year showed a lot of people apart from our own fans and directors just what can be achieved."

Yes, this is a team of veritable babes — but not babes in the wood — complete with enough backing of experience to see that they rarely falter.

The 21 years and under list looks all but unending, but let us run through it.

Goalkeeper: Dragan Pupovac, Defenders: Craig Williams, Graham Lomas, John Gregson, Midfielders: Andy Callanan, Len Vial, Birol Sertbas, Strikers: Wayne Farnsworth, John Foxman, Warren Dalton, Jim Meerbani.

But it doesn't end at that point. In the squad are full-back Tony Cabassi 17, and midfielder Lindsay Smith, 18.

Backing up Dragan Pupovac in goal is 17 year old Antoin Avelino.

MISFORTUNE

Another up and coming striker is Paul McFadden. He was signed from Scotland but had to return due to the unfortunate death of his mother.

He is back again and ready to show his worth.

Melita has cast its net wide to secure talent. Warren Dalton was

signed from the Inter Suburban League and McFadden from Scotland.

Dennis Hoggart believes that the system is paying dividends.

"We know there are many competent players in Scotland who will never reach the top because of the type of football they play there."

"If you get them here whilst they are young then you have real talent," he said.

Well, youth is one thing and experience is another.

INTERNATIONAL

The Melita group includes Maltese international Ray Farrugia, Australian youth international Howard Tredinnick, Ken Wilson, Greg McCoy, Billy Griffiths and Derek Laing.

All of them have had their share — often more than their share — of injuries this year.

Billy Griffiths has missed most of the year with hamstring trouble and Howard Tredinnick is working his way back

after a medial ligament injury.

These fellows, whether they are playing or not, are on the job to enthuse the young players.

They will come to matches when they are out with injuries and in the dressing room they pass their confidence on to the others.

One man who continues to amaze is Derek Laing. He's been around for a long time but he continues to rub off his experience on to the younger players.

ATMOSPHERE

Tredinnick has been

coming down from his home town Newcastle to see the boys and continue to get treatment from physiotherapist Alan Wilson whilst he has been recovering from injury.

It all adds atmosphere to a great club.

What happens for Melita for the rest of 1986 remains to be seen.

The old story is to get the ball into the net and when the bulk of the players are so young then that can present difficulties.

But you can be sure that this Melita squad will give the opposition a whole ton of problems before the season is over.

KU-RING-GAI'S CHRIS 'SQUIGS'

KU-RING-GAI's tenacious midfield workhorse Chris Quigley was born in Glasgow 31 years ago and first played Soccer as a schoolboy there.

Working in the shipyards on Clydeside as a boilermaker, there were many social distractions for Chris in his late teens and he didn't play the game again after leaving school until he crossed the border to join a firm at Lancaster.

The quieter life there rekindled his interest in football and he soon found himself a member of the strong Northern Premier League side Morecambe.

One year later, however, and 'Squigs' at the age of 21 emigrated to Australia, settling down in the Nepean district. There he played for local all-age team Oakville enjoying the game immensely.

He moved on to Blacktown United and later Bankstown before linking up with Auburn in 1979. He remained there for four years, the last two as club captain and was coached at the time by Vic Daigleish.

Apart from one year as right back at Auburn, Chris has spent his playing career in midfield and can remember distinctly the last time he scored a goal. On the same day he and Terry Bertram were members of the Auburn team which avoided relegation with a 4-3 win over Bankstown which sent the opposition down to the Second Division.

He and Terry both scored in that game, the last occasion either has found the net in NSW.

With two fine shots hitting the crossbar already this year, we believe it won't be long before that situation is remedied.

A resident of Windsor for some seven years now, Chris faces a 96 kilometre round trip to training sessions, but wouldn't play for any other club.

He has been with Pam now for six years and somehow fits in a little squash and golf when his own air conditioning business permits.

A keen Celtic supporter, he has a lot of time for Willie Wallace. Ku-ring-gai have yet to meet a more dedicated club man than Chris.



JIM MEERBANI

HOGGART AND GALLAGHER — THEY WORK IN TANDEM

THERE must have been some heartburning when the Melita Eagles management faced the suggestion they employ two coaches for 1986.

The point of the exercise was to produce good players because the Melitas of this would do not have budgets such as Sydney Croatia's.

Dennis Hoggart and Jim Gallagher took the jobs and they set out to build Melita's own stars of the future.

They aimed to do things on a cost benefit basis.

The young players had to learn how to play it tight and tough, and yet do it with all the

usual Melita smoothness and aplomb.

Aided by team manager Vic Sammut and physio Alan Wilson, the Hoggart-Gallagher team is working away to be welded into a stronger unit.

It's a different job to the one that former coach Raul Blanco faced, especially when the club went up to the National League.

He built his team to meet those standards on players taken over from other NSL clubs.

They were rejects in a sense, yet they had a pride in playing for the Eagles.

The new era arrived and it is a case of planning for future success.

It is a scheme that should be more widely introduced.

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SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Cant. & Dist.	vs Queens Park	Blick Oval
Gl'ville Hornsby	vs Artarmon	Pioneer Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

West United	vs Mt Druitt Town	Harold Read Res
Granville Chile	vs Nth Ryde RSL	Garside Pk
Port Hacking	vs Uni of NSW	Seymour Shaw Pk

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Ku-ring-gai	vs Melita Eagles	Parklands Oval
Avala	vs Uruguayan Auburn	Knight Park
Polonia	vs Manly Warringah	Chopin Park
Rockdale Ilinden	vs Sutherland	Seymour Shaw Park
Warringah F/Water	vs Wollongong Mac	Narrabeen F/C
Fairy Meadow	vs Penrith	Corrimal Mem Pk

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

SSC Yugal	vs Kingsford Hellenic	Blick Oval
Blacktown Utd	vs Bankstown Leb	Francis Park
Dee Why	vs Bathurst '75	Dee Why Oval
Nth Bankstown	vs C'belltown City	Potts Pk

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Rooty Hill	vs Campbelltown	Cawarra Park
Moorebank	vs Bondi Marine	Hammondville Oval
Baulkham Hills	vs King Tomislav	Ted Horwood Res

STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

MANLY TOSSES ROCKDALE

MANLY WARRINGAH broke one point clear of the pack with an exciting 2-0 victory over Rockdale Ilinden in the match of the day at Cromer Park.

The win finally burst the Rockdale bubble and relegated the classy visitors to fourth place on the ladder.

BY STEVE SHELTON

Both teams had several good opportunities to score but it was Manly who capitalised on its chances.

Manly's first goal came in the 19th minute when an unmarked Jimmy Campbell drove home an eight metre shot after Don Allan had dummied a cross from the left by Gary van Egmond.

In the second half, Rockdale tried desperately to level the scores but was repelled repeatedly by the Manly defence.

Then, against the run of play, the locals scored again in the 65th minute when a shot by Doug McIntosh was parried by keeper Berry. Striker Don Allan had no trouble in picking up the crumbs.

John Dick, Allan Dean and Campbell starred for Manly while Zlatko Nastevski and Terry Jones were Rockdale's most impressive players.

MANLY: Catlin, Dennis, Van Egmond, Dick, Robin, Marshall, Campbell, Dean, Allen (Davidson 85min), McIntosh, Stuart (Mangan 78min).

ROCKDALE: Berry, Rodas, A. Wilson, Pliovski, D. Wilson, Grebevalski, Jones, Nastoski, Nastevski (Degney 56min), Genovese, Pliovski.

PENRITH 1
SUTHERLAND 3

SPEAKING of burst bubbles, Penrith's dream run finally hit a snag with a 3-1 loss to Sutherland at Cook Park.

Sutherland broke the deadlock in the 16th minute when Hughes converted a penalty follow-

ing a handball in the Penrith box.

However, Penrith fought back and eight minutes after the break drew even when Ian Shaw crashed a 16metre drive into the net, after a diagonal pass by Mickey Cross.

But only eight minutes later, Sutherland went ahead through two break-away goals, the first to Terry and the second to Hill.

Terry, Meades, Harrington and Burrows were Sutherland's best players while Don Campbell, Bobby Hebb and Alec Jamieson performed well for Penrith.

PENRITH: Blow, Halton, Campbell, Hebb, Shaw, Jamieson, Thompson, Cross, Quarmby, McLeod, Grey (Martinez 55min).

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Cashman, Lerond, Terry, Burrows, Parson, Meades, Harrington (Sharp 78min), Johnston, Hughes, Hill.

MELITA 2
AVALA 0

MELITA returned to its top form of the season with an easy 2-0 win against Avala before 1620 people at Melita

Stadium.

The locals had three shots cleared off the line and another two free kicks — by Ray Farrugia — brilliantly saved by Avala's keeper, Bruce Thurlow, and could easily have won by a bigger margin.

Melita struck its first goal in the 19th minute when a cross from the left by Wayne Farnsworth eventually fell to Ray Farrugia, who volleyed a powerful shot into the back of the net.

Despite having numerous chances, the locals had to wait until the 88th minute when Farnsworth beat defender Ben Divani on the right before smashing a 12 metre left foot drive past Thurlow.

Farnsworth and Callanan were easily Melita's best performers while Thurlow and Tom Steven played well for Avala.

MELITA: Pupovac, McCoy (Cebassi 76m), Williams, Wilson, Gregson, Callanan, Farrugia, Farnsworth, McFadden, Foxman, Dalton.

AVALA: Thurlow, Blackburn, Divani, Brown, Penn Steven, Marino (Stella 78min), Jeffery, Radak, Filipovic, Brathovic (Kodor 45min).

POLONIA 2
AUBURN 1

POLONIA jumped two positions to seventh place after a hard fought 2-1 win over Uruguayan Auburn at Mona Park.

Auburn hit the front in the fifth minute through Fraser Cuba but lost the lead only one minute later when keeper Carlos Rossano tipped Allan Roberts' header against the bar only to see it driven home by Stefan Janic.

In the 80th minute, Polonia surged ahead when Henri Sobczyk blasted a 20 metre shot into the top left corner and then had to withstand a late rally by Auburn.

Polonia's Allan Robertson and Auburn's Viccheit were the

outstanding players on the park.

POLONIA: Anderson, Chan, Pratt, Robertson, Kulwicki, Drya (Pop 60min) Sobczyk, Parker (Colusso 75min), Gieske, Janic, Lucchesi.

AUBURN: Rossano, O'Donnell, Tomasic, Woods, Pirls, Mosquera, Perdomo, Hastie, Cuba (van Heiden 75min) Gene, Viccheit.

FAIRY MEADOW 1
W'GAH F'WATER 1

FAIRY MEADOW collected another vital point thanks to a lucky 1-1 draw with Warringah Freshwater at Corrimall Memorial Park.

After a hesitant start, Fairy Meadow hit the lead in the 40th minute when Paul Kirwan went on a solo run and rounded a defender and slid the ball past the advancing keeper, Don Smith.

The goal was the spur Warringah needed to get into top gear and after a succession of near misses the visitors finally drew level in the 75th minutes.

Warringah then proceeded to pound the locals' goalmouth but were denied the winning goal by the woodwork (four times) and some desperate last second lunges by defending players.

Warringah's defender John Bottalico and Dennis Corrigan and Fairy Meadow's Kirwan were the best players on the day.

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic, Dunnett, Burtleigh, Mersanovic, Berneger, McGuire, Mizeo, Carlo, Baker, Kerr, Kirwan.

WARRINGAH: Smith, Watt, Cassachia, J. Bottalico, Sterrey, Berry, A. Bottalico, Tkachuk (Duckling 47min), Corrigan, Burke, Driens.

KU-RING-GAI 1
W'GONG MAC 1

AN attempt by Wollongong Macedonia to sit on an early lead almost paid off when the locals drew 1-1 with Ku-ring-gai in an exciting match at Berkeley Sports Ground.

The local rocked Ku-ring-gai with a goal in only the 52nd second by big Barney King after a cross from the left by captain/coach John Bingham and then pro-

ceeded to play with a 10 man defence in the hope of shutting out the opposing attack — presumably for almost the entire game.

Wollongong allowed Ku-ring-gai to dominate and absorbed enormous pressure, and was lucky to survive in the 51st minute when a Ku-ring-gai goal was disallowed.

But Wollongong could do nothing about Neil Williamson's glancing header which found the net in the 76th minute to bring up the final

scoreline.

Ku-ring-gai's equaliser prompted Wollongong to renew its attack and it was only the fine goalkeeping of Andrew Lacey which kept the visitors in the match.

Lacey and Leigh Watson starred for Ku-ring-gai while Tony Wellborn and Bingham shone out for Wollongong.

WOLLONGONG: G. Robinson, Muhlbauer, Ruskin, Talevski, Sweeney, Wellborn, Settin, Bingham, Giraldi, King, B. Robinson.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kavern, Goldworthy, Bertram, Watson, Grooms, Sutherland, Williamson, Nile, Bass.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN NATIONAL SQUADS

	BORN	CLUB	"A"
1. LUDEK MIKLOSKO	9.12.61	Banik Ostrava	16 (G)
2. PETR KOSTELNIK	5.2.64	Dukla Praha	0 (G)
3. STANISLAV LEVY	2.5.58	Bohemians Praha	15 (D)
4. JIRI ONDRA	7.6.57	Bohemians Praha	13 (D)
5. FRANTISEK STRAKA	28.5.58	Sparta Praha	10 (D)
6. JOZEF CHOVADEC	7.3.60	Sparta Praha	11 (D)
7. JAN FIALA	19.5.56	Dukla Praha	47 (D)
8. JOSEF NOVAK	29.7.56	Dukla Praha	4 (M)
9. IVAN HASEK	6.9.63	Sparta Praha	11 (M)
10. KAREL KULA	10.8.63	Banik Ostrava	7 (M)
11. LUBOS KUBIK	20.1.64	Slavia Praha	4 (M)
12. MIROSLAV SIVA	7.8.61	RH Cheb	3 (A)
13. MILAN LUHOVY	1.1.63	Dukla Praha	9 (A)
14. STANISLAV GRIGA	4.11.61	Sparta Praha	10 (A)
15. IVO KNOFLICEK	23.2.62	Slavia Praha	10 (A)
16. PETR RADA	21.8.58	Dukla Praha	8 (D)
17. JAN KOCIAN	13.8.58	Dukla B. Bystřice	1 (D,M)
18. TOMAS KRIZ	17.3.59	Dukla Praha	8 (M)

"A" TEAM OFFICIALS

1. Rudolf Kocak Leader, FF President
2. Rudolf Bata Tech. Leader, FF General Secretary
3. Josef Masopust Coach
4. Václav Jezek Coach
5. Václav Cermak Doctor
6. Karel Pelech Masseur

	YOUTH TEAM	
1. IVAN ONDRUSKA	12.9.67	Plastika Nitra (G)
2. JAROSLAV BODNAR	5.3.68	ZTS Kosice (D)
3. PETR SKARABELA	24.11.67	Banik Ostrava (D)
4. JULIUS CHLPIK	7.4.68	Bohemians Praha (D,M)
5. RICHARD MARGO-LIUS	2.3.68	Sparta Praha (D)
6. ALES FOLDYNA	11.10.67	Dukla Praha (M)
7. IVAN MAHUT	25.10.67	ZVL Zilina (M)
8. KAREL ZARSKY	25.10.67	Bohemians Praha (M)
9. FRANTISEK HALAS	22.2.68	Plastika Nitra (A)
10. MAREK TRVAL	14.8.67	Banik Ostrava (A)
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THE CHILEANS OF GRANVILLE

BY FRANK COLETTA

GRANVILLE CHILE are travelling very nicely in the third division of the NSW State League.

The Chilean-backed club is on top and set for promotion after sixteen rounds. In this time they have scored 36 goals and have rocketed to 26 points on the table, five ahead of their nearest rival.

To add to their already very strong squad they have enlisted the talents of AUGUSTIN VILLAZON, a 26-year-old right winger from Chile, whom they registered prior to the deadline.

Villazon was a Chilean Youth international and a member of the side that won the 1979 South American Youth Championships in Uruguay. He has also played with Deportes Concepcion (1980), Deportes Arica (1982) and has been playing in New Zealand for Christchurch United in the Rothmans League where he is their top goalscorer.

From what has been said by members of the Spanish speaking community it seems that Villazon could have much the same standing as such notables as Saul Rivero and Vicente Estavillo.

Rivero came out to play in the Ethnic Cup last year and was snapped up by Wollongong City and Estavillo was turning out for Uruguay Auburn and Sydney Olympic nabbed him.

Villazon has signed an open contract with Granville and will be happy he says to listen to any offers from any clubs.

The picture below is by courtesy of the Spanish Herald.



With Greg Russell

BUNDABERG REBUFFED AS ALAN NIVEN QUILTS POST

FORMER Socceroo Alan Niven has stunned Queensland Soccer Federation officials by quitting his regional director of coaching position in Bundaberg.

Niven's shock decision came only five weeks after he had retired from National League Soccer with Lions to take the coaching position. Niven cited "personal reasons" for his decision to leave Bundaberg.

The talented left-back told QSF officials he and his family needed to return to Britain. Niven's wife and their two children did in fact fly out for England almost immediately but Niven decided to remain to see the season out with Lions, who still held his playing contract.

All parties concerned were loathe to comment on the events surrounding Niven's resignation, but it is known the decision left a bitter taste in the mouths of some Queensland Soccer Federation officials.

"I have had better weeks," was the comment of one official trying to unravel the affair.

Niven, 31, retired from top level Soccer when he bowed out after being part of the Queensland team which beat NSW 1-0 at Perry Park this year. He had been an ever-present in the Maroons side since he came to Australia 10 years ago and was one of a handful of players around the country who had played every season of the NSL with the one club.

Niven was capped eight times for Australia — mostly under the Les Scheinflug era. He played his last game for the Soccerroos against New Zealand in 1983.

Niven went to Bundaberg amid a fanfare of publicity, which made

his resignation even more embarrassing. It is understood he found it difficult to adjust to the country lifestyle and ways.

Bundaberg Soccer Federation officials left no doubts about their feelings over the matter when they issued a joint statement in conjunction with the QSF terminating Niven's appointment immediately. Niven was to serve four weeks notice — a period he had negotiated down from the four months contractual notice.

Niven made his return to the Lions side the following Sunday in the team's away match against Melbourne Croatia.

According to the QSF, the vacant position in Bundaberg is unlikely to be filled until next season. But the QSF may not have too much trouble finding a new man. Already a XXXX League coach has sought out details on the position.

The QSF has one of the most extensive coaching networks in Australia. Under the overall guidance of state director of coaching Bruce Stowell, there are regional men in Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville, Cairns and the Gold Coast. Their work is directly responsible for the initial unearthing of talents like Frank Farina and Manis Lamond (Cairns), and current Australian Under 16 squad members Guy Rigby (Rockhampton) and Darren Freiberg (Townsville).



ALAN NIVEN — has gone.

FAGAN ADVOCATES AMBITIONS FOR NORTH STAR

AS the axe is set to fall on 10 current National League clubs, Queensland side North Star could meet soon to plan for entry to the national competition.

The progressive Brisbane northside club has made quiet inquiries in recent years but it is the first time it has gone openly public on its intentions.

The club, which is currently sitting third, one point off the pace in the Queensland XXXX League — the state's No.1 competition — announced its interest in National League after it qualified for its third consecutive Ampol Cup statewide knockout final.

Coach Iain Fagan, who has masterminded North Star's on-field successes, said the club must start planning and preparing now for entry to the NSL in 1988.

"It is no good winning the XXXX League next year and then deciding to go for NSL. You have to start preparing now so you have the team, the structure and the finance to go if the opportunity arises," Fagan said.

"We have to sit down, take stock, and if we are

going to do it then we have to start moving now. The whole thing will be discussed at a meeting within a month and while the board will decide, it will be my recommendation that we should go for it."

With Queensland clubs, Brisbane City and Lions directly in line for NSL axing at the end of this season, there are many sceptics who doubt North Star could make a go of a National League position.

But the club's track record is good. In just four years it has risen from the Third Division to the state's No.1 competition. Last week it was voted by the Brisbane and Northern Districts Junior Soccer Association as the "Club of the Decade" for its contributions to junior soccer.

The club has always worked to targets, and so far has achieved them all.

In 1984, its first season in the top division, it

aimed to win a trophy — it took the Ampol Cup.

The following year it wanted to retain the Cup and make the top four. The trophy stayed at O'Callaghan Park and North Star made the preliminary final.

This year the targets are even tougher. The club wants to win the Cup for the third consecutive time and take the grand final. If they achieved that it will win the club a handy \$16,000 prizemoney booty.

But Fagan has set his side an even tougher target. He wants the premiership as well.

"For our own pride, we want to win the league as well as achieve the club's aims. To win the premiership proves that you have been the most consistent side all year, and that's what we want to be," he said.

North Star's side include former NSL players in Billy Williamson (ex-City and Lions), Gerry Lindsay (ex-Lions), (ex-Lions) and a host of talented youngsters including state squad member Gordon Buchanan, Paul Fagan and Ross Swan.

COALSTARS COULD HAVE THE WOOD ON HOLDERS NORTH STAR

QUEENSLAND's Ampol Cup holders North Star will have to overcome a major hoodoo to beat Coalstars and retain the trophy for the third consecutive time when they clash in the final of the \$16,000 statewide knockout competition on August 17.

North Star have never beaten Coalstars since the two clubs returned to the state's premier competition, the XXXX League, three years ago.

But, in the Cup holder's favour, Coalstars have not been successful in the long-running competition since 1965.

North Star and Coalstars qualified for the final in differing fashions at Perry Park last week.

Coalstars were devastating in sweeping aside Lions 4-1, while North Star, who were considered to have the easier tie, only downed Taringa Rovers on an own goal.

Coalstars faced a Lions team which contained no fewer than five players who have turned out for the club's NSL team on a regular basis this year. But the Bundamba side's striking duo of Mark Brusasco and Dave Wheeler fired again and were just too hot.

Although Coalstars were missing sweeper and captain Mark McNaughton, who may require a knee operation, they played class football to oust a Lions side of reputation without commitment.

North Star worked on a plan of containing Taringa's aerial dominance and the semi-final turned into a dour affair. The goal came when a Paul Fagan cross hit Dale Dawes on the knee and rifled into the Taringa goal. It ended Taringa's hopes of vying for their first ever piece of silverware.

The two finalists' coaches have taken different approaches to

the big day on August 17. Coalstars Brian Styles has maintained his steady low-profile, while North Star's Iain Fagan has left no doubts his team can complete the hat-trick.

"We're just happy to be in the final. But we are not thinking about it at the moment, our next league game is the most important thing. We are taking it one game at a

time," Styles said.

But Fagan is eyeing not only a Cup-Grand final double, but a clean sweep of the major treble — the Cup, the Grand Final and the Premiership.

"Knockout football suits our style. Now that we are in the Cup final we are going to take some beating and if we finish in the top four, then I think we can go all the way there too," he said.

In a strange quirk of the XXXX League draw, the four Cup semi-finalists met in the same pairings in last weekend's fixture matches.

Although Taringa are more content on building a gap between them and last placed Wynnum — one team only is relegated — the other three Cup semi-finalists all have good top four chances.

The League is closer than for years and even Taringa for that matter could sneak into the top four from second last if they can build a run in the closing stages.

Only three points separate the top five and five points separate the top seven sides. There is immense pressure on leaders Easts and Coalstars as some of the name clubs of past seasons begin their runs.

Traditional "giants" Mount Gravatt and Ipswich United have been lurking just off the pace for most of the season but it would be a

brave prediction to rule them out of top four calculations. But then it is hard to see the likes of Easts, Coalstars and North Star not being there at the finish.

Olympic United are the real dark horses of the competition, edging their way almost unnoticed into the top four at the turnaround while Lions are slowly recovering from losing three points at the start to be in contention.

Matches this weekend see the top half of the table meet the bottom half. The match of the round should be the mid-table clash of Ipswich United and Mount Gravatt at Ebbw Vale, but with the table so tightly packed, every game is a Cup final.

Taringa hosts Easts and could cause problems while last-placed Wynnum will be no easy-beats for North Star at Maramba Stadium. Grange Thistle and Coalstars will meet at Perry Park, the Bundamba side's third consecutive appearance at Soccer headquarters, while the other tie sees Olympic visit Lions.



BILLY WILLIAMSON — dominant for North Star.

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WITH TOM MCKAIN

EDMUND KREFT, Adelaide Hellas coach, is making a plea for a saner approach to the handling of players' bookings.

He is not complaining about players being booked by referees, although he does not always agree, but he does object to having to wait until a Thursday before knowing how many points were set against players booked the previous Sunday.

The crunch came the other week before the match against Brunswick Juventus, second on the Southern League table.

A vital much with Hellas in eighth place,

KREFT'S SUSPENSION PLEA

Kreft had seen key defender Chris Manou booked in the previous round when Hellas won at Green Gully.

But it was not until the following afternoon he was informed by the Olympic Airways Soccer League that Manou was suspended on 12 penalty points.

That was bad enough, but he was also informed that Socceroo Charlie Yankos, also booked was also outed.

Kreft is not blaming the OASL Sydney office, as it is presumed they did not receive the

referees' report until later in the week.

What Kreft wants is an immediate answer from referees.

"Surely if we ask a referee immediately after the game how many points he has set against a player he can tell us," said Kreft.

"We don't want a detailed report — just how many points.

"This way a club can keep track of its' booked players and coaches — and players — can plan for the next match.

"If you don't know you have two players

out, and expect only one, but are still not sure, it confuses training plans, tactics and selections."

With only six rounds left every player and every point and booking is now vital, as teams fight to make the top seven in the two leagues to qualify for the super league next season.

"I can't see why the referees cannot tell us the penalty points they award," said Kreft.

"I have tried in previous occasions to get an answer but have been told they are not allowed

to say, or that they have not yet made their report.

"Surely they know after the game what they booked player for, and how many points the offence will carry?"

Most national league clubs have their final training sessions on Friday nights, and a late switch in plans does little to enhance a teams' chances on the Saturday or Sunday.

"Mentally the players are not with you if they train all week under the threat of suspension," said Kreft.

"While no club fields a one-man team, the loss of a key player can upset tactical plans at the last minute, and

when you lose two stars it's a bit much."

However, Kreft said he was not blaming the loss of Manou and Yankos for the 2-1 defeat from Brunswick.

"The chances were there and we missed or the ball was cleared, but there is always that doubt in your mind and that feeling in the team, that had two key men been there, or you had been able to prepare for their loss, the score might have been different," he said.

"It seems a simple matter to avoid such situations, and I hope this plea will be taken up by the league.

"I am certain I am not the only coach who feels this way."

The Apple Isle

WITH JOHN TSCHEPPEA

ULVERSTONE looks set to take their first Tasmanian State League North premiership after easily despatching rivals, Croatia, in their 16th round tie at Knight's Road.

Both teams competed strongly for control of the game on a wet, but quite playable pitch.

In fact, the work done on the Knight's Road playing surface has made it one of the best in Tasmania. The continual development of the ground has turned it

into a splendid showpiece for Soccer in the Ulverstone area.

But it was not the ground that defeated the Croatians; it was the lack of fresh players.

Having held Ulverstone for a long period of the first half, John Campagne shook off the

ULVERSTONE ROMPS IT IN

shackles to put the Reds ahead as he was given a well-placed through ball by team-mate, Noel Netherery.

Campagne scored his second as he converted a penalty earned by midfielder Andrew Howe.

Mal Gorrie blasted the Reds further ahead soon after half-time when he volleyed the ball into the roof of the net.

Netherery, troubled with a knee injury but

still one of the best afield, took the fourth goal for himself.

And player-coach, Joe McGrory, added No. 5 to record Ulverstone's 9th consecutive victory and their 14th game without a loss.

Their only loss came at the hands of the champions, Georgetown; and that was in the opening round of the competition.

Ex-Juventus player-coach Peter Savill has

returned to his club from retirement to see out the remainder of the season as a player.

After his departure early in the season, Launceston Juventus has climbed the ladder to a respectable 3rd place.

His recent inclusion in the team showed that he is still a valuable asset.

Meanwhile, Georgetown also kept its hopes alive as they powered to a five goal win over Matric.

Playing in defence, he helped the team to a shock win over the champions, George-

town, 3-1.

Juventus' recruitment drive has netted some good players as the season progressed, namely, Colin Guest (England), Sosi Kaitani (Fiji), Brian Davidson (Croatia) and the return of Peter Savill.

But will it be too late for this season ... and will they be able to retain the services of these players next year?

Two goals were scored before half-time and three after the interval — all shared among three players — two of them Rothmans Gold Medal winners in Liam Monagle and Peter Sawdon.

Round 16 results:

Georgetown (Monagle 2, Sawdon 2, Farrell) d Matric 5-0, Ulverstone (Compagne 2, Netherery, Gorrie, McGrory) d Croatia 5-0, Juventus (Kaitani) d Launceston United 1-0, Devonport (Smith 2, McKenna 2, Best, DiPietro) d Western Suburbs (Hudson, Brookes) 6-2, Burnie (Luttmer, Jones) d Riverside Olympic (og.) 2-1.

Ladder

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Georgetown	16	13	1	2	56	10	27
Ulverstone	15	13	1	1	51	8	27
Juventus	16	12	0	4	47	13	23
Devonport	16	10	3	3	38	17	23
Croatia	16	8	0	8	36	27	16
Burnie	16	5	3	8	27	37	13
Matric	16	4	3	9	21	34	11
Riverside Oly	16	4	0	12	24	53	8
Launce. United	16	2	2	12	10	51	6
Western Subs	15	0	3	12	9	65	3

EAGLES, CROATIA LEAD — METRO IN TROUBLE

BY "VAN DREEM"

WHITE EAGLES and Croatia-Glenorchy have established a three-point lead over Juventus-Pioneer, the reigning Cadbury State League champions, in Southern Tasmania as the season enters its third and final round.

White Eagles easily accounted for Caledonians 4-1 while Croatia

2-1.

Franco Previdi gave Eagles an 8th-minute

lead against Calies and Richard Leszczynski and Dave Stoddart struck before the interval to send Eagles in 3-0 up.

Ian Parker pulled a goal back for Calies 12 minutes into the second period but Richard Leszczynski hit a fourth goal for Eagles five minutes from the end.

Croatia and Juventus provided little entertainment in a scoreless opening half and it wasn't until the 71st minute that John McIntyre put Croatia in front.

McIntyre added a second nine minutes later but Juventus, down to ten men after sweeper Bruce Pears was sent off, fought back strongly towards the end.

John Broadhouse scored in the 84th minute but the titleholders simply ran out of time and slumped to their third successive defeat.

The relegation issue is almost as exciting as the title race with Metro-Clairemont the current favourites to go down but with Rapid and Howrah still not out of

the woods.

Bottom-side Metro gained a valuable point with a scoreless draw against Rapid in mid-week, while newcomers to the league this season, Howrah, crept a little closer to safety with a surprising 1-0 win over fourth-placed Olympia-WPL.

It was Howrah's second league-win over the Greek side this year. They won the first-round encounter 3-0.

Karl Brightman was the scorer this time but Olympia should have

won convincingly.

Howrah goalkeeper Craig Jones turned in an inspired performance, saving a number of times from Forster and Nichols, while Goldsmith and Xanthopoulos both struck the woodwork.

Xanthopoulos also fired over the bar twice with an open goal to aim at, while Goldsmith was inconsolable afterwards, have struck a 41st-minute penalty against a post.

To add insult to injury, Olympia had cen-

tre-back Michael Berwick sent off with 9 minutes remaining.

Details: White Eagles 4 (R. Leszczynski 2, Previdi, Stoddart) d Caledonians 1 (Parker); Metro-Clairemont 0 dw Rapid 0; Howrah 1 (Brightman) d Olympia-WPL 0; Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (McIntyre 2) d Juventus-Pioneer 1 (Broadhouse).

Leading Goalscorers: 19 R. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 17 J. Broadhouse (Juventus); 13 A. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 12 J. McIntyre (Croatia); 10 G. Schueler (Howrah), P. Forster (Olympia).

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

THERE was drama in the second division match between Woonona and Wollongong Sports when a player from the later club was shown the red card for biting an opponent.

It happened at the end of the reserve grade fixture when Woonona's Brian Ireland feel to the ground in a tackle with Sports player Roberto Gonzales.

Linesman Eddie Uiterlinder was right on the spot to see what went on and, after reporting to referee George Hamilton, the Sports player was shown the red card.

Hamilton said he had no doubt the incident took place and inspected the bite marks on Ireland's thing in the dressing room after the game.

There is no allowance for biting in the ISA list of offences and automatic suspensions but judiciary member Derek

Hart says it comes under violent conduct.

In the first grade game that afternoon Woonona won 12-1 after Sports started the game with only nine players and finished with seven — one of them limping badly.

It seems the club had a party the night before the game and a number of players didn't arrive at the ground.

Five of the first grade players who did take the field had played in reserve grade already.

Why do the ISA perservere with this competition?

When Bulli met Tar-

rawanna in the recent match of the day at Slack Flat the supporters were treated to a fast, open game with no violence.

Referee Stephan Jaros didn't have to issue a yellow card and that in itself is unusual in Premier League this season.

Bulli have a good record in the yellow card department this year, having picked up just four in first grade all season — two of them in one game against Aris.

It is significant they won the championship in 1985 and are being quoted odds-on favourites to retain the title with just four rounds to play.

Figtree teenager Dean Simpson had an eventful afternoon when his club took on Fernhill at Towradgi Park.

In reserve grade he scored the goal in a 1-0 win but also almost knocked a corner flag over with a penalty kick that was off-line.

With 10 minutes to go in first grade he was called on as a replacement with the score 1-1 and promptly put the ball in the net for what seemed to be the winning goal.

Fernhill's Drago Cikic spoilt everything by getting a leveller for his team two minutes from the end and it finished up 2-2.

Fairy Meadow are doomed to drop from

"CONDUCT UNBECOMING" RAISES ISA QUESTIONS

the State League but this hasn't stopped club president Frank Saladino going off to Italy for a well deserved holiday.

Saladino jetted off last week with his parents, closing up his barber's shop for the first time in many years.

Before leaving he said as far as he is concerned Fairy Meadow will still be playing in Sydney next season.

"There has been a lot of talk about us going back to the Illawarra Premier League and some of the committee feel we should take this step," he said.

"Other support me and want us to drop back to the State league second division if we have to.

"There is no point in going backwards after all the work we have put into the club and we can come back bigger than ever in the future."

After finishing a point behind Canterbury in the State League last season, "the Meadow" have had a shocking time this year after losing 2-1 to Ku-ring-gai were seven points behind second-last Penrith.

Bulli midfielder Tony Charnock will be training for the Premier League semi-finals in Korea.

Coach Norm Flanagan reports the talented representative player will be back from a trip to that country just in time for the semi-finals.

Charnock left yesterday to study coal-mining in Korea, as part of a scholarship he gained after a seven-year university course.

Flanagan said at first he thought Charnock would be lost for the rest of the season but he will definitely be back for the big end-of-season games.

"I don't have to worry about him keeping fit and our chances of winning the grand final after

losing the last two years have improved," the coach said.

First division Corrimal certainly recovered from their shock 3-2 loss to Shoalhaven — a loss that cost them the competition lead.

Corrimal lost to Shoalhaven in Nowra after beating their main rivals for the title, South Coast Croatia, the previous week.

Coach Terry Hurley read the riot act to his players after turning from Nowra and University felt the brunt of that.

Corrimal went out and thrashed the students 9-0 at Memorial Park.

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COACHES WATCH SCHOOLS

NSW Director of coaching Alan Vest, Blacktown City's Casey de Bruin and John Fleming of Wollongong City were all keen spectators at the recent NSW Schools Inter Regionals at Balgownie.

Players to impress in the tournament and win places in the State squad were: Jason Whant, Chris Ackerley, Russell Gendle and Paul Hayward (Met West), George Boboustos, Keith Warren, Yugas Taskin (Met East), Gavin Parry, John Govan (Hunter).

The state side will be finalised after games against the NSW Independent and Catholic schools.

CONSISTENT WHITEBRIDGE

WHITEBRIDGE may be only a small suburb south of Newcastle, but is Soccer started out there in the early history of the code in Australia.

It is continuing to produce good players, as witness the success of Whitebridge High School in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

For the fifth successive year Whitebridge reached the last 16 teams in its region.

The win that took them through this year was 3-2 over Francis Greenway, with two goals coming from Kahl Buchanan and one from Mathew Harper. Their opponents scored through Ron King and an own goal.

Whitebridge's previous meritorious record was: 1982: defeated by Marsden High in Sydney in next round. 1983: defeated by Kadina High in Lismore in next round. 1984: defeated by Epping Boys' High in Newcastle in quarter-final. 1985: defeated by Duval High in Armidale in next round.

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VINCE BALZAN BLAZES TRAIL WITH NEPEAN

VINCE BALZAN is nearing the end of his first season as the regional director of coaching with the Nepean District Soccer Football Association.

Although he never coached in the district before, Balzan, a former State youth coach, was well aware of Nepean's junior strength in years gone by.

However, this year the exodus of young players from the district to big-name clubs like Marconi, Melita Eagles and Blacktown City resulted in Nepean struggling to hold its first division status in the Youth League competition.

"Whether we stay up or not, I think the boys have performed admirably and to the best of their ability," Balzan said.

"We need more support from local boys to stay with Nepean Dis-

trict rather than go and chase a golden pot at the end of the rainbow that might not be there.

"Very few boys who go to Federation clubs at 13 make it through to the 19s with those clubs."

This year Balzan has encouraged close co-operation than ever before between the representative coaches and Penrith City State League coaches.

He organised a popular week-long skills camp at Yarramundi in the May school holidays and earlier this year conducted Level 1 coaching courses at five district grounds.

Balzan has also successfully campaigned to

hold a Level 2 course at Cook Park, starting in September. This is an area where Balzan sees room for improvement.

"There is definitely a need for increased interest in coaching in the district and an increased knowledge of coaching," he said.

Balzan sees a coaches' association as a way to solve this problem.

A committee has been formed to plan the introduction of a coaches' association, which he says could improve the lines of communication between coaches in the district.

He also wants to see each club appoint a club coach to help individual team coaches and to work hand-in-hand with the coaches' association.

CHICHI HOTS UP NSW SQUAD

ONE of the players to win NSW under 13 selection this year is a South American bundle of energy — Alexandra Mendez.

Of Argentinian descent, and knee high to a grasshopper, "Chichi" Mendez is set to go places in Australian Soccer.

The squad travels to Perth to play in the National Championships to start at Dorian Gardens on August 30.

The coach is Ian Lloyd of Melita Eagles, manager Karl Posselt (Far South Coast) with John Hughes as the trainer.

In trials they have won seven of nine games against stiff opposition.

Twelve different teams are represented in the squad, which reads:

Norman Tome, Shane Jarvis, Dean Stojkovic, Tony Pantzouris, Steven Tyerman, Brendan Renaud, Andrew Nazur, Gary Deprato, Robert Palazzolo, Bradly Gambrell, Alexandra Mendez, Paul Bourke, Brendan Groll, John Cam, Adam Porić, Derek Noffke.

The Under 14 team will play at Coolangatta at the same time with Greg Ankudinoff as coach.

Their players are: George Sorras (capt), Paul Okon (v-capt), Mark Bosnich, David Seale, Matthew Curmi, Pat Bradley, Adam Cianter, Adam Hagger, Eddie Pervan, Remeyle Galloway, Andrew Hinchcliffe, Robert Stanton, Matthew Dihm, Steven Labbozzetta, Angelo Piacentini, Nigel Noffke.

THERE is no doubt that today's juniors have an almost unbelievable list of opportunities ahead of them if they are ambitious to succeed in the world's No 1 football code.

There is the chance of course to see Australia play the highly entertaining Czechoslovakian team in either of Melbourne, Adelaide or Sydney on their coming tour.

In addition to that the National Youth team will play a reinforced Czech Youth team in Tasmania on Sat. August 2, in Brisbane on Wed. August 6 and in Newcastle on Sat. Aug. 9.

Today young Australian players can aspire amongst so many other things to the Australian schoolboys team, the under 16 team and also to the Youth side.

In each category there are the opportunities to receive top class coaching and to go overseas with the Australian national teams.

SCHOOLS NATIONALS AT PARKLEA

WRITES CHRIS JAMES

THE Australian Schools Soccer Federation is hoping that their National titles to be held at Valentine Park, Parklea from August 18-22, will be the best yet.

Recent National titles have been very well organised and featured a

very high standard of Soccer. Many players appearing are with National League clubs and it will be an ideal opportunity for NSL coaches to look for talent.

The printed programme is always one of the most informative and professionally produced for any national titles.

An Australian Schools side will be selected after the championships. They will play Fiji Schools on

Saturday August 23.

Later in the year games are planned against the Australian Youth side and possibly the AIS.

The tremendous success of last year's side (which suffered only one defeat on its UK tour) will encourage players in their bid to represent their country.

Another overseas tour is at present being finalised. It will include Fiji or New Zealand and is likely to take place in December.



Nepean Regional Director of coaching, Vince Balzan, looks on as Nepean Under 11 Representative player, David Johnston, displays his juggling skills.

WARRAWONG TOP OF THE SOUTH

WARRAWONG defeated Woonona High School 4-0 in the regional final of the Oak Bill Turner Cup.

BY GARRY KEMP

Both teams were evenly matched during the first 27 minutes with the ball moving from one end to the other.

In the 28th minute a well-taken free kick from just outside the penalty box by DARIO MARTINEX deceived the Woonona keeper Darren O'Conner and curved into the far corner of the net.

A pep talk by coach Noel Clegg revitalised the Woonona boys and they came back with a vengeance, almost scoring on two occasions.

The game saw-sawed for almost the entire second half until TONY

TANESKI side-stepped a defender and pushed the ball into the net in the 54th minute.



The Warrawong High School under 15 OAK "Bill Turner Cup" team for 1986 after defeating Woonona 4-0 in the Pool 14 South Coast final. LEFT TO RIGHT: Zoran Mojanoski, Dario Martinez, Tony Taneski (captain), Steven Jovanoski, Goce Gleski.

BACK ROW: Mr Geoff Cowell (coach) Petre Jonoski, Sasco Stojanoski, Tommy Mojanoski, Jane Bogeski, Zahir Nadaravici, Joe Sacco.

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Woonona in a last ditch attempt pushed players up to recoup the goal difference. However this backfired with DARIO MARTINEZ scoring his second goal in the 57th minute and two minutes later VASCO STAJANOSKI finding the back of the net to give Warrarong a 4-0 win.

Woonona, although losing to a better team, didn't deserve to be beaten by such a large scoreline. In typical Woonona style they

didn't give up until the last whistle.

Warrarong have had remarkable success scoring 18 goals in four matches with only two goals against them.

The two goals were scored in their first game before coach Geoff Cowell fine tuned his defence. Their closest game was 3-0 against Kanahooka, who defeated last year's finalist Holy Spirit College.

They will be a worthy South Coast representative who should go well outside the region. "WATCH OUT FOR WARRARONG."



Tony Taneski, captain of the Warrarong High School 15 years Soccer team receiving the "Bill Turner Shield" from Mr Garry Kemp, the South Coast Co-ordinator following their great 4-0 win over Woonona recently.

The Shield is the brainchild of Garry Kemp and it is likely to be introduced into other Pools next season.

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METRO WEST SCHOOLBOYS TOPS AT BLACKTOWN CITY

BLACKTOWN CITY has not been behind the door when it comes to recognising talent.

They have a whole host of players from the NSW CHS Inter Regional Championship winning Metropolitan West squad in their ranks.

Youngsters such as Andrew Bow, Russell Gendle, Paul Haywood, Mark Moffett, David Scott and Jason Whant are coming through.

Another lad who is making a name for himself is Chris Ackerley, son of former no-nonsense Soccerroo full-back Stan Ackerley.

Young Chris however is work his way ahead at Marconi.

The Metropolitan West squad was: Chris Ackerley (Kingswood

HS), Scott Ashton (Bidwill HS), Eddie Battistella (Evans HS), Andrew Bow (Castle Hill HS), Nick Buonanova (Bidwill HS), Andrew Charlwood (Holroyd HS), Trevor Daley (Dunheved HS), Lorenzo Digesu (Girraween HS), Russell Gendle (Parramatta HS), Paul Haywood (Nepean HS), Mark Moffett (Blacktown BHS), Nick Platinotis (Greystanes HS), Angelo Raguz (Riverstone HS), David Scott (Greystanes HS), Jason Whant (Blaxland HS), Barry Maloney (Doonside HS) standby. Ron Pratt (Riverstone HS) manager.

PUBLICISE FOR MORE REFEREES

ON estimates supplied to me by NSW Affiliated Referees official Ron Beaumont we need another 1200 referees in the state.

BY FRANK FINLAY

There are at present just on 2,000 referees in the affiliated ranks, but that is not nearly enough.

Personally I was very impressed with the way in which NSW Director of Coaching Alan Vest and NSW Amateur Federation president Ian Holmes moved with "Operation Outreach" to recruit more coaches in country areas.

Ron Beaumont told me: "It is hard work knocking on doors to attract more referees."

My answer to do more to overcome the problem is to find good

publicity men in the AASRF NSW Division to drum up more whistlers for the future.

COUNTRY

Most of my experience with referees is drawn from the position in my home Albury Wodonga Border complex region.

Apart from that I have made observations in various country districts as well as in Sydney, Newcastle and Canberra.

Locally I have seen not one but several linesmen throw their flag to the ground when they have been overruled by the man in the middle.

In other cases they point the finger or otherwise gesticulate towards players — sometimes in a manner which can be offensive.

Many country referees are well behind the times, but things would improve if the AASRF could conduct more refresher courses for them.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 18		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
DIVISION 1					
B'town City	vs Melita	2-0	3-0	1-2	1-3
St George	vs Illawarra	0-2	0-2	6-0	2-1
Apia Leich	vs Nepean Assoc	0-1	2-0	1-0	0-2
Gladesville	vs Marconi	1-4	0-8	0-2	0-1
Syd Olympic	vs Cant Marrick	0-1	4-1	4-0	4-1
DIVISION 2					
Nth Bankstown	vs Granville Ass	0-2	0-6	4-1	2-1
Macarthur Assoc	vs Sutherland	0-1	0-1	0-2	5-1
Ku-ring-gai Ass	vs Avala	8-0	5-0	2-0	0-0
Sth Districts	vs Manly Assoc	3-1	1-0	2-0	0-1
Sydney City	vs Central Coast	0-1	2-1	1-3	2-0
DIVISION 3					
Canterbury Ass	vs Bankstown Ass	0-0	2-2	4-2	2-2
U. Auburn	vs Campbelltown	12-0	0-6	14-0	2-0
Croatia Syd	vs Rockdale	2-1	3-1	1-2	7-0
Syd Yugal	vs Blacktown Ass	2-1	0-1	0-2	2-5
Polonia, bye					

■ FOR QUARTER FINAL DRAW — SEE PAGE 20

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND 10

	U/11	U/12
St George	vs Canterbury	2-2 2-1
Central Coast	vs Sutherland	4-1 1-2
Gladesville	vs Sthn Districts	2-2 3-2
Granville	vs Nepean	2-1 0-1
Blacktown	vs Bankstown	1-3 0-4
Macarthur	vs Illawarra	— 1-0

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BIRRONG'S PROUD RECORD



L to R: Rear: Andrew Hatcliff, Kon Mantes, Mark Holland, Andrew Cooper, Branko Playsic, Neale Horn, Jani Cakovski, Dean Hutton, Mr Stephen Gee (Coach). Front: Tony Papas, Barton Wills, Scott Gilbert, Marcelo Paz, Leon Travis, Darryl Pidcock, Jamie Wishart.

Photograph by: Thi Anh Le — Year 11 Student

BIRRONG Boys' High School, for the second consecutive year, has won its way through to the quarter-finals of the Commonwealth Bank Cup, the State wide Soccer Knock-out Competition. This places the team as one of the best eight school sides in New South Wales.

On its way through to the quarter finals the team has defeated;

Bass Hill High 7-1, East Hills High 3-1, Punchbowl High 2-1, Bonnyrigg High 5-2, J.J. Cahill Memorial High 2-1.

On Friday, July 11, Birrong Boys' High School played its quarter-final match against Keira High School.

The two teams were very evenly matched and after seventy minutes were locked nil-all. Even after an extremely competitive twenty minutes of extra time a result could not be found.

The teams were eventually separated by a penalty shoot-out which Birrong won 4-2.

Last year the team was defeated by Kogarah High, the eventual

winners of the Cup, but this year the team hopes to progress into the final and become the number one school Soccer side in the State.

— J. WISHART



Jason Badger of Woonona desperately passes the ball as Joe Sacco crowds in on him. A tense moment during the South Coast final of the 1986 OAK Bill Turner Cup. Warrarong defeated Woonona 4-0 and moved into the last sixteen of the competition.

Photo: Wayne Venables, Illawarra Mercury.

Results & Tables from Around Australia

NORTHERN DIVISION

NEWCASTLE 3 (J McQuarrie, S Ingham, R Maier)
CANBERRA CITY 2 (H Phillips, A Palacios) at
Adamstown Sports Ground. Crowd: 1300.

BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (B Thornthwaite) CANTER-
BURY 0 at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 423.

MONARO 1 (S Winn) drew with MARCONI 1. (R
Brown) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 510.

SYDNEY CITY 1 (F Farina) LEICHHARDT 0 at
Lambert Park. Crowd: 1847.

ST GEORGE 3 (J O'Shea, G Fletcher, A Koczka)
WOLLONGONG 1 (R Giraldo) at St George Stadium.
Crowd: 1027.

SYDNEY CROATIA 4 (I Petkovic 2, Z Jurin 2)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (V Estavillo) at Croatian
Sports Centre. Crowd: 10,679.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	10	3	3	30	12	23
Sydney Olympic	7	6	1	29	18	22
Marconi	7	6	3	27	16	20
Blacktown City	7	4	5	20	23	18
Sydney City	5	7	4	29	21	17
Wollongong	6	5	5	18	15	17
Newcastle	5	6	5	24	25	16
St George	6	4	6	21	25	16
Leichhardt	4	6	6	15	19	14
Canberra	3	5	7	16	20	11
Canterbury	2	5	8	15	27	9
Monaro	1	5	10	10	33	7

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SUNSHINE 3 (R Bain, S Richardson, D Mac-
Laren) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (D Richardson) at
Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 997.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (C Halford, S Stevenson)
PRESTON 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

FOOTSCRAY 1 (V Stofic) drew with BRISBANE
CITY 1 (F Mengotti) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd:
2468.

HEIDELBERG 2 (T Selamidis, STsolakis) drew
with ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (L Hristodoulos, G Ward)
at Heidelberg. Crowd: 2200.

BRUNSWICK 3 (P Wade 2, A Zinni) GREEN
GULLY 1 (L Carker) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1022.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (L Abrahams 2) ADE-
LAIDE CITY 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd:
2600.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick	10	4	2	29	9	24
Footscray	10	4	2	24	18	24
Adelaide City	7	6	3	24	14	20
H'berg	7	6	3	28	19	20
South Melbourne	7	4	5	22	14	18
S' Shine	5	8	3	19	15	18
Preston	4	7	5	16	15	15
Adelaide Hellas	5	3	8	16	22	13
Melbourne Croatia	4	4	8	15	24	12
Brisbane Lions	3	4	9	16	22	10
Brisbane City	2	6	8	15	37	10
Green Gully	2	4	10	12	27	8

TNT SKYPAK

THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

TNT SKYPAK STATE LEAGUE DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly	17	8	7	2	21	9	23
Ku-ring-gai	17	7	8	2	20	11	22
Melita	17	7	7	3	28	11	21
Rockdale	17	8	4	5	30	18	20
Sutherland	17	8	4	5	18	14	20
Wollongong	17	6	8	3	12	8	20
Polonia	17	5	6	6	21	26	16
Auburn	17	3	9	5	12	17	15
Warringah F/W	17	6	3	8	26	31	15
Avala	17	5	4	8	16	26	14
Penrith City	17	5	2	10	21	40	12
Fairy Meadow	17	2	2	13	14	30	6

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OAK BILL TURNER CUP

OAK TURNER CUP Round 5

Canberra 3 b Belcol-
lin 2, Wade 0 (4pen) b
Auburn 0 (2pen), Umina
2 b St Edwards 1 Orara
2 b Foster 0. Rd 6
Cardiff 2 b West Wall-
send 1, Umina 2 b Bal-
gowlah 1 St Dominics 1
b Holy Cross Ryde 0,
Canterbury Boys 1 b
Patrician Bros Fairfield

VICTORIA

VIC STATE LEAGUE

Caulfield City 2
Springvale City 1, Mor-
well Falcons 3 Box Hill
1, Northcote v Frank-
ston Pines postponed,
Croydon City 4 St Al-
bans 4, Western Subs 0
Thomastown 3, Faulk-
ner 1 Ringwood 0, Polo-
nia Marybanong 3 Mel-
bourne 0.

Table

SPRINGVALE	25
CROYDON	24

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	16	14	1	1	79	11	29
Blacktown City	18	11	4	3	42	31	26
St George	18	10	3	5	49	29	23
Sydney City	17	10	2	5	37	20	22
Canberra	16	10	2	4	37	26	22
Marconi	17	10	1	6	32	23	21
APIA-L'hardt	17	7	3	7	32	25	17
Sydney Olympic	17	6	5	6	26	31	17
Wollongong	17	6	2	9	29	44	14
Sydney Croatia	17	2	4	11	17	39	8
Newcastle	17	3	2	12	16	36	8
Canterbury	17	3	2	12	14	46	8
Inter-Monaro	18	2	3	13	13	58	7

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunshine	16	13	1	2	47	8	27
Sth Melbourne	16	10	3	3	36	16	23
Heidelberg	15	9	3	3	45	23	21
Melb. Croatia	14	9	2	3	29	13	20
Preston	15	5	7	3	35	13	17
Brun. Juve.	16	8	1	7	30	21	17
Nunawading	15	6	4	5	20	24	16
Brighton	15	7	1	7	39	20	15
Green Gully	16	4	4	8	16	28	12
Footscray	14	4	0	10	19	32	8
Frankston	14	2	2	10	18	55	6
Fawkner	15	0	0	15	3	84	0

BRUNSWICK JUV 3 GREEN GULLY 1.
HEIDELBERG 3 BRIGHTON 0.
FOOTSCRAY v FRANKSTON PINES (post-
poned)
FAWKNER 0 SUNSHINE 1 (on forfeit)
NUNAWADING v MELB CROATIA (postponed)
PRESTON 1 STH MELBOURNE 0.

CANTERBURY 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 3 (Welsh,
Quamby, Bow).
NEWCASTLE 1 (Maher) CANBERRA CITY 2
(Valderma, Lemeza).
AIS 3 (Polak, Van Blerk, Foster) SYDNEY CITY 2
(Shute, Sharpe).
INTER-MONARO 0 MARCONI 1 (Gunning).
ST GEORGE 2 (Caban) WOLLONGONG 5 (Bat-
ten 4, Peil).
SYDNEY CROATIA 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0.
APIA L'HARDT 0 SYDNEY CITY 2 (Rodrigues,
Junna).

ACT LEAGUE Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	12	11	1	0	61	5	23
Juventus	12	10	2	0	40	9	22
Belconnen U	12	8	2	2	38	19	18
Can City O	12	6	2	4	30	25	14
Kambah Utd	12	4	4	4	26	27	12
Narrabundah	12	5	2	5	21	28	12
CCAE	11	4	2	5	22	24	10
Concordia	11	3	1	7	13	24	7
ANU	12	2	3	7	11	31	7
Canberra U	12	2	0	10	11	48	4
W Creek	12	0	1	11	6	37	1

TASMANIA

Cadbury State League standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	16	11	2	3	54	21	24
Croatia-Glen	16	11	2	3	33	16	24
Juve-Pioneer	16	10	1	5	43	27	21
Olympia-WPL	16	9	1	6	42	24	19
Caledonians	16	6	3	7	29	46	15
Howrah	16	4	2	10	23	41	10
Rapid	16	3	3	10	18	33	9
Metro-Clear	16	2	2	12	10	44	6

ACT LEAGUE

Juventus 9 Weston
Creek 1, Narrabundah 0
Canberra Utd 3, KT
Utd 2 ANU 0, Canberra
City Olympians 1
CCAE 2, Croatia
Deakin 6 Concordia
Phillip 0

ACT WOMEN

Belconnen Utd 2
Weston Creek 9

NTH NSW

TOOHEYS NORTHERN NSW 1st DIV

West Wallsend 1, Bel-
mont Swansea 0, Lake
Macquarie 3, Adam-
stown 0, Austral Utd 1,
Highfields Azzurri 1,
Weston 1, Central
Coast 0, Wallsend 2,
Cardiff 1.

QUEENSLAND

QLD STATE LEAGUE

Results

Coalstars 3 Lions 1
Grange Thistle 1 Easts
0, Mt.Gravatt 2 Wynn-
num 1, Ipswich Utd 3
Olympic Utd 2, Taringa
2 North Star 1.

Coalstars 17
Easts 15
Ipswich 15
North Star 14
Olympic 13
Mt.Gravatt 12
Thistle 11
Lions 11
Taringa 10
Wynnum 4

TIGHT RUN IN NSW STATE LEAGUE

IF one single factor
is to influence the
outcome of the 1986
NSW Skypak State
League it will be the
lethal finishing pow-
er of Rockdale Ilinden's
striker Zlatko
Nastevski.

Having said that, it
must be pointed out that
Rockdale has dropped
down the table as the
result of their loss to
rejuvenated Manly
Warringah, who now
head the league table.

Many is a team of
workers and they have
now thrown out the
challenge that seemed to
have gone beyond their
grasp.

Dennis Ford's Ku-
ring-gai, although bereft
of many players in State
League star class, has
been grinding away and
only have to keep up
present efforts to be
there when the semi-
final jerseys are handed
out.

Melita's rebuilding
programme has held
them back to a degree,
but Sunday's 2-0 win
over Avala means that
they are well in the
running.

Their superb local re-
cruiting plan is a beacon
for all clubs who are
interested in the future
of the game in Australia
as well as their own
proper interests.

Wollongong Macedo-
nia, with the wily John
Bingham as player-
coach, has a group of
players with enough
National League and
State League experience
to ensure that they will
keep pegging away for a
semi-final place.

Alan Robinson, Phil
Muhlbauer Anthony
Wellborne and Harry
Sattin are but a few of
the Wollongong players
who have what it takes.

POINTS

Belmont Swansea 31,
West Wallsend 30, Lake
Macquarie 27, Austral
Utd 25, Highfields
Azzurri 24, Adamstown
20, Weston 15, Central
Coast 11, Cardiff 10,
Wallsend 9.

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE



DISAFFILIATION MOVE FROM UNHAPPY NSW

THE NSW Women's Amateur Soccer Federation is moving to pull out of the Australian Women's Soccer Association.

There is no surprise over the NSW attitude throughout the states, who believe they can carry on with or without the one that has the numbers.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

If NSW carries through then the number of players it will have in Australian senior, under 17 and under 15 squads will be exactly nil.

This hardly seems fair to the players who have arrived or those coming through the ranks.

NSW has many of the best internationals in the country and has won both the National U15 and U17 titles for the past two years.

Other states gauge their progress by measuring up against NSW.

It would be utterly unfair for the good NSW under 15 and 17 players not to compete in the nationals.

NSW say they will not go ahead and disaffiliate if two demands are met.

The first is that if suspensions are lifted on the players who with-

drew from the Australian team to play in the Oceania Championships in Christchurch last April.

The second involves a demand that every state be represented on the board.

At the last AGM only Ron Coughy was able to convince the states that he should be a board member from NSW.

NSW has lost affiliations from country associations South Coast and Albury-Wodonga.

Bathurst-Orange is unhappy over not being advised of the postponement of the NSW Championships.

The main problems might well have been overcome if prominent NSW officials had more carefully counselled their international players how to handle the withdrawal from the Australian team issue.

The AWSA might have helped also, had they taken an early conciliatory view and at least listened to the representations of NSW through their president Lal Byers.



AWSA believes that the NSWWSF should cool down and change its profile if the right thing is to be done by the sport.

The numerical strength of the game in NSW is in the affiliated associations and the schools.

Over 200 high schools are in the NSW Ku-ring-gai Cup this year.

Even states such as South Queensland have not twigged to the way to get their state's schoolgirls playing the game in big numbers.

AWS executive director Heather Reid told us: "If NSW goes we will not be all that concerned."

"We will have to adjust our programmes accordingly and carry on."

"At the same time some other very interesting proposals seem certain to arise."

Generally a dose of commonsense should be injected before the women's game unnecessarily suffers.

THE 'IRON MAN'S' DAUGHTER RECEIVES RECOGNITION

QUIETLY spoken Kim Schaefer won her place as a goalkeeper in the NSW Under 17 Talent Identification squad selected at the recent National Championships in Sydney.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Inter-Regional and State level.

Kim has been playing for Fairvale in Liverpool district.

The full Australian Talent Identification squads are:

UNDER 17

Deani Pentecost NSW, Katrina Alexander NSW, Tina Raftopoulos NSW, Leanne Edmundson NSW, Nicole Van Der Leeden NSW, Kristine James NSW, Kim Schaefer NSW, Louise Pringle Tas, Kerrie Rowe Sth Qld, Samantha O'Brien Sth Qld, Leanne Augustine Sth Qld, Tanya Dyer NT, Sarah Cooper NT, Nicole Green NT, Laura Fisher ACT, Bronwyn Calver ACT, Karin Wilkinson Nth NSW, Katrina Barsby Nth NSW, Lisa Van Dorp Nth NSW, Yolanda

McCarthy Tas, Denise Wright Vic, Leanne Hamilton Vic, Melinda Marty Vic, Joanne Rooney WA.

UNDER 15

Anne Louise Edwards Sth Qld, Melissa Bale Sth Qld, Yvette Jaeger NSW, Rebecca Scott NSW, Nadine Collister NSW, Jane Rashid NSW, Valda Robertson NSW, Sara King ACT, Alex Focken ACT, Sasha Wainright ACT, Marlene Widders Nth NSW, Toni Bashford Nth NSW, Lee-anne Priest Tas, Rachel Tolan Vic, Danielle Cheers NSW, Paula Munce NSW.

PLAYERS OF THE FUTURE

Deborah Hyde NSW, Tamika Royle Tas, Jacquie Ketchell Tas, Mary-Jane Kearney Vic, Leesa Leary Nth NSW, Samantha McKinney-Smith Sth Qld.

ALBURY WITH ACT

PLAYERS from the Albury-Wodonga Women's Soccer Association are aiming to claim places in the ACT team to play in the National Championships.

The titles will be held in Adelaide in early September.

Albury-Wodonga's decision to affiliate with the ACT has opened the gate for state representation.

ACT sent three teams to Albury last weekend for matches against the undefeated Melrose Park Rangers.

The Albury Wodonga players were checked by ACT coach Clive Mackillop.

Helping Albury Wodonga this year are a team of officials led by president Kim Calhoun, vice president Richard Tyrrell, secretary Terri Cotterill, treasurer Ethel Wilson and publicity officer Les Farkas.

QLD SQUAD FOR ADEL

SOUTH Queensland has announced a strong squad for the National Championships to be held in Adelaide from September 3/13.

"Miss Perpetual Motion" Sue Monteath will be missed, but Kerry Millman returns to the ranks.

If NSW does not compete then the Queenslanders will be the tournament favourites.

The squad is: Goalkeepers: Sue Bubeck, Kaye O'Sullivan.

Defenders: Moana Brecklemans, Teri McQueen, Michelle Sawyers, Joanne Millman, Maria Rodgers. Midfielders: Kerry Millman, Lyn Spencer, Kaylene Janssen, Di Crouchen, Donna Fredrickson, Connie Burns, Gayle Schneider. Strikers: Klara Szabo, Leone Yoh Yen, Stephanie McMahon, Leanne Priestly.



NSW WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First Grade
Manly Warringah 2 b Girraween United 0, Parramatta City 2 b Putney 1 Chipping Norton 0 drew with Forest United 0. **Second Grade** Putney 1 b Parramatta City 0 Girraween United 1 b Manly Warringah 0 Forest United 1 b Chipping Norton 0.

NATIONAL UNDER 17 HIGHLIGHTS

Goalkeeper BRONWYN CALVER of the ACT makes a take in the game against NNSW.

ACT IN TROUBLE OVER NATIONALS

FEARS that the ACT may not be able to field a side in the Australian Women's Soccer Championships in Adelaide in September have had national administrators scrambling for a solution.

ACT senior coach Radhakrishnan has had only a handful of trialists at training sessions all winter. The cost to each player of making the trip to South Australia is apparently the main reason for the lack of enthusiasm.

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Plans to amalgamate the ACT and Albury Wodonga associations will make available a further pool of players, but even this might not provide sufficient numbers for a realistically sized squad.

What is of major concern to the national body is that as Western Australia has already pulled out of the championships, a further withdrawal may prompt those smaller states which traditionally struggle to take part, such as the Northern Territory and Tasmania, to follow suit.

Faced with the possibility of national titles with only four or five teams, the AWSA has suggested to ACT president Heather Reid the names of players from other states who for various reasons are not going.

Obvious candidates are Western Australians Sharon Mateljan and Judy Pettitt and Queenslanders Sue Monteath who missed her local championships and, therefore, selection in the state team.

The trio are of international standard but

could not be selected for the Australian side unless they make an appearance at the national titles.

Reid stressed that the invitation proposal was a last chance solution and had yet to be discussed by the ACT association. "We will still be doing our best to field a full representative side

from the ACT," she said.

In the meantime, the championships have been reorganised to take account of Western Australia's withdrawal. Teams one and two and three and four will play off at the conclusion of the round robin and the event will end on Thursday, September 11, a day early.



ACT has all the space in the world in the U17 Nationals at Sydney Athletic Field.

Wide World of Football



GREAT SOCCER STARS



The legendary PELE flies high for a header with Italy's Roberto Boninsegna during the 1970 World Cup Final.

MANY rate him as unquestionably the best footballer there ever has been in the round ball code. Simply stated, Pele was absolutely outstanding and this was for several reasons.

This week:
Edson Arantes do Nascimento;
PELE (Brazil, Santos and
New York Cosmos)

Even if one was to just consult his record then that should suffice. Over 100 appearances for his nation, Brazil, and over 100 goals in those national colours to boot.

For himself, and that includes Brazil and his club Santos, he scored more than 1,000 goals.

Born in the hinterland of the vast Brazilian state of Minas Gerais at Tres Coracoes in 1940, Pele progressed from the local Noroeste team swiftly. By the age of sixteen, he was not only a regular member of the Santos league side but a full international.

When the World Cup began in Sweden in 1958, the 17-year-old Pele was injured and did not appear until the third game, against the Soviet Union.

His impact was instant and enormous. To astonishing precocity of talent and attitude, he allied all his strengths, the technique, resilience and courage.

He scored a hat-trick against France in Stockholm in the semi-final, two against Sweden on the same ground in the final; one an absolute gem as he bewildered the Scandinavians with a magical piece of juggling and turn to finish with a volley.

The other came from

a glorious header, paralleled only by the same sort of goal he put away in the final of 1970 against Italy.

In '58 he was only 17 and after the win he cried his eyes out over Brazil's victory.

He went on to help win the World Cup again in 1970 and would have also done so in Chile in 1962 had he not been injured.

This man caused everybody who saw him play to envy his "God given" talents that at times were virtually beyond description.

What made Pele the player he was? First, his physique was just about perfect for football. He stood five feet eight inches and weighed just on 11 stone. Every muscle was superbly developed and added on to a magnificent frame. Then there was his speed and balance that defied many a brutish defender.

He had the arts and crafts of the game in a greater measure than any other player. When Pele controlled the ball in the air, his touch achieved the same peak of perfection as when he was taking it on the ground.

His shooting was accurate and powerful and he cared little which foot he used.

The most important thing was that he cultivated a kind of 'mean streak' to his character. This was necessary because without a little bit of nastiness he would never have survived as long as he did.

Brazil was eliminated from the 1966 World Cup by Uruguay, but Pele went on with his career as he faced a legion of players sent out with instructions to kick him out of the game.

With this armoury Pele showed the offenders, with the help of a bruise or two, that Pele

was playing. Unless the game degenerated into total brutality nobody could easily kick him out of a game. It happened sometimes but not often.

Apart from that aspect Pele's temperament was exemplary.

Essentially an attacking inside-left, he could lay off superb balls to create chances for others, as he did twice in the 1970 World Cup Final. If you abused him, he'd repay you with interest.

He shocked Brazil by retiring before the 1974 World Cup, but returned in 1975 for an Indian summer in the USA, where he played for the New York Cosmos, the team and nation he transformed temporarily into a football loving people.

For the football playing itself, he was marvelously relaxed. The same applied to all those off-the-field activities involved in promoting the game, especially to youngsters.

The Santos club, of Sao Paulo discovered him as a youngster and retained him right through to his later days in the USA.

In the end they were demanding such high guarantees for tour matches it seemed Pele was keeping them!

He first hit the Brazilian headlines in 1957 when he scored eight goals in one game. A cap against Argentina followed, and the rest... well, it is football history.

It is barely possible to imagine a better player than the incomparable Pele. Former Brazilian team-manager Joao Saldanha once said: "Pele is to Brazilian football what Shakespeare is to English literature."

Humility was always one of the great man's strong points. He once said: "I am not proud that I can sometimes make goals out of nothing. It makes me humble because it is a talent that God gave me. All I can do is use it well."

And how!

I'LL DRINK TO THAT

KEVIN DRINKELL snapped up the goals last season which sent Norwich City racing straight back to the English First Division.

After nine years, 300 first team appearances, and more than a hundred goals for Grimsby Town, the broad-shouldered six footer became a 'born again' marksman.

"Last season I played in the best side I'd played for, producing the best form of my career," he says. "I am getting into the right places at the right time. That's why the goals are coming."

Drinkell's goal in the 2-0 win at Bradford clinched promotion and was also his 23rd of the season.

Norwich boss Ken Brown held Drinkell's performances in high regard but the tribute like no other comes from a well beaten rival in Shrewsbury's Chic Bates. He says: "Kevin is looking good for the First Division. He'll get his share at the highest level."

Twice in season '85-86, Norwich fired three goals past Bates' efficiently organised Shrewsbury side. Bates says: "I thought Drinkell had perhaps lost his edge at Grimsby. Believe me, it's back now."

"Kevin is looking a very effective centre-forward again. He is sharper and his reflexes

are quicker."

Kevin confirms: "I needed a move. There had been a lot of inquiries over recent years, but they all came in when I was under contract to Grimsby. Last summer there was no contract to hold me."

"Ken Brown was the first to ring me, there was no point in hanging

about and I knew exactly what I was getting into; a determined club that had geared itself to go straight back to the First Division."

"I wanted to put myself up there, to measure my ability against the best in the game. Along with everyone else at the club, I set my sights on promotion from day one."

NORTHERN IRELAND captain **SAMMY McILROY** was along with Oxford's Steve Perryman rewarded with an MBE for services to the game recently.

A just reward indeed for two fine players who have always played sportingly throughout their career.

Perryman admitted to being "stunned" by the award.

The 34-year-old Oxford skipper says: "It's ironic that this comes at a time when I've just changed clubs because I presume it has been awarded for my 19-year loyalty to Spurs."



It's all over and possibly Pele's greatest triumph — winning the 1970 World Cup.

WORLD FLASHBACK MAGIC

THIS game could be summed up as an execution with Real wielding the axe. It was as all the papers then and after have quoted — 'REAL PERFECTION'.

DATE: May 1960
PLACE: Hampden Park (Scotland)
MATCH: European Cup Final:
Real Madrid 7 Eintracht Frankfurt 3

Eintracht had played a match that on any other day might well have won them the European Cup but this day in Scotland they met one of the finest sides in world football history—Real Madrid, complete with Alfredo di Stefano and Ferenc Puskas.

Thousands of Scottish fans left Hampden, knowing there was little, if any, likelihood of their ever again seeing such a spectacular and satisfying game of football.

A group of competent German professionals had just surpassed themselves against some of the best players in the world and yet lost 7-3.

It is in the record books as the 1960 final of the European Champions Cup, an apparently easy ride for the Spanish club whose team Eintracht's manager, Ernst Berger, rated before the game as the best

club side in the world.

Real, of course, were no ordinary Spanish club. Their players came from all parts of the world—di Stefano from Argentina, Puskas from Hungary, Jose Emilio Santamaria from Uruguay, Canario from Brazil.

Two years earlier, Didi had been Brazil's star in the 1958 World Cup final against Sweden, but he couldn't get in the side. Moreover Real had won the cup four times in a row; there were no doubts about making it five. But 130,000 turned up to see the slaughter.

This was the last final in an era in which skills were supreme and not negated by cold tactics; there was the genius of Puskas, di Stefano, Gento, Del Sol and the others. No side of any generation would have marred the perfection that was Real Madrid. Eintracht had a poor



ALFREDO DI STEFANO slots in one of his three goals in the 1960 European Cup Final for Real Madrid against Eintracht.

season in domestic football. Despite that, they had beaten Glasgow Rangers in the semi-final by an amazing 12-4 aggregate.

But in the final the most significant thing Eintracht did was to take the lead through Kress in the twentieth minute. It gave the match the lift it needed. Real had to fire on all

cylinders. Di Stefano controlled the middle of the field, between the two penalty spots, like the master he was, demanding the ball and then giving it.

Inside nine minutes, Eintracht had been put in their place. Real were a goal ahead, and di Stefano had scored two. A minute from half-time Puskas, who had left

Hungary during the 1956 uprising, angled in a classic goal from near the goal-line, the first of four he was to score in less than 25 minutes. Hampden acclaimed him. The rest was academic, or would have been except for di Stefano.

Stein had pulled two goals back for Eintracht and made it 6-3 when di

Stefano took off from near his own penalty spot. It was almost as if somebody had whispered to him that his right to be regarded as the world's greatest footballer was to be challenged by Pele.

Swapping passes with a number of colleagues as he ran down towards the Eintracht goal, he left opponents sprawling

before applying a graceful finishing touch to a goal that could hardly have been bettered on any ground in the world.

The following day, Real's aircraft was delayed four hours at Prestwick airport. It is generally accepted that the football-worshipping Scots did not want to lose them.

HOME SWEET HOME

GARRY THOMPSON is back in the Midlands, after completing the move denied him a year ago.

Finally Thompson has moved from West Bromwich Albion to Aston Villa after he had been previously told that he would be sold by Brom to any club but Villa!

But 12 months later Thompson has become a Villa player, making the six mile journey from the Hawthorns to Villa Park via a 200-mile round trip and a season at Sheffield Wednesday!

"I suppose you could say I took the long way round," laughed Thompson after signing a four-year contract for his new club to confirm a \$900,000 transfer.

"It was strange because last summer there

was a long saga over Villa trying to buy me, but this time it all happened in a couple of days.

"After a season which I felt was disappointing at Hillsborough it didn't take long to convince me to sign. To be honest I have often felt that I should have held out last year to try to go to Villa Park.

"In the end Albion would have had to accept their offer. But I made my decision and I just had to get the best from it."

Thompson insists, however, that his year at Hillsborough was not wasted. "I'm fitter than

I have ever been and I think Villa will get the benefit of that," he said.

"I was one of the worst runners at Sheffield, but I still improved ever so much."

Villa manager Graham Turner never gave up his chase for Thompson because he felt the 25-year-old was perfectly suited to spearhead his attacking plans.

"We have been patient in getting Steve Hodge, Steve Hunt and now Garry. We never lost sight of our objectives," said Turner, who will be under pressure to produce a winning side from the word go.

Turner will have spent more than \$4 million on his team by the end of the English summer which has also seen him buy Arsenal's highly rated teenager Martin Keown.

★★★

JORGE ARAVENA has done a quicker switch than even that of CLIVE ALLEN in England a few years ago.

It seems Aravena moved from Spanish club Real Valladolid to his home nation Chile to join Universidad Catolica. Catolica quick smart snapped him up and sold him to Colombian club Deportivo Cali for \$450,000.

The 25-year-old was baffled to say the least.

WHAT IS THAT MAN'S NAME?

LENNIE LAWRENCE could well stand on English football terraces and call for the manager of Charlton's head and really nobody would notice.

You see he is the Charlton manager but whenever the club is discussed in football circles it is always 'Lennie Who?'.

Charlton's near-anonymous manager has taken his team of anonymity to the top. The apple in England is the first division and the Charlton boys are in there this season.

The South London club have done this despite being booted out of their ground — The Val-

ley and forced to share with Crystal Palace.

29 years out of the top league is a long time so Lawrence says: "We certainly won't be looking for survival this season. I would like to think we can adjust to the top-grade along the lines of Chelsea."

As for his mysterious managerial presence Lawrence says, "I don't begrudge any other manager anything. And in any case, who would know me if I did step up

at some posh dinner to receive a plaque?"

"I've always been underrated," admits the 38-year-old Brighton-born Charlton boss, "The fact that I'm a First Division manager won't change that."

"All the well-worn labels will be stuck on me 'Unsung', 'unknown', 'Lennie who?', and so on. It's certainly never bothered me in the past, and it won't in the future."

BRAZIL AND A HELPING HAND

AN investigation into allegations that Brazil were "helped" during the World Cup Finals might be taken out of FIFA's hands and most people in the know consider it imperative that this is done.

It has been claimed that Brazil were put into an easy Group and that subsequent games were "worked out" to "ease" their path to the Final.

A further contention is that the three times World Champions were given every "encouragement" on the field as well.

One dubious penalty,

awarded by a Mexican linesman against Poland, would never have been given at the other end, it is said.

Reason for any alleged "fixing"?

Money! It was vital to the Mexican economy that the hordes of Brazilian supporters remained in the country for as long as possible.

When Northern Ire-

land boss Billy Bingham arrived to check accommodation in Guadalajara, he discovered Brazil had already booked the best hotel six months before the draw was made!

Maybe there is something that smells fishy in the 'State of Denmark' — and it isn't necessarily the antiquated drainage system in Mexico City.

BRYAN ROBSON of Manchester United has made a complete recovery from his shoulder operation—but there is still a doubt over his fitness to spearhead Manchester's title bid at the start of the season.

IN the Copa Libertadores this week the big shock came when two Equadorian clubs sent two Brazilian clubs out in the first round.

Deportivo Quito and Barcelona of Equador ended the run of Brazilians, Curitiba and Bangu.

The star of Quito is 24-year-old Carlos De Lima who has scored nine goals in just four games.

SCOTLAND's new manager is ANDY ROXBURGH.

Roxburgh was Alex Ferguson's assistant during the last World Cup campaign and was seen spying on the Aussies during their matches prior to meeting Scotland in the last qualifier.

Roxburgh has never managed a major club side.

FORMER West German international BERND SCHUSTER has joined Atletico Madrid from Barcelona.

FORMER Peruvian great, TEOFILO CUBILAS has been appointed coach of the USA National Youth team.

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LIAM BRADY, the Eire International on the outer in the Italian League, has been having talks with the Scottish side — Hearts.

Despite talk that Brady will join newly promoted Brescia in Italy's first division, Hearts are still confident that they can make up for some of last season's disappointments by signing the midfield ace.

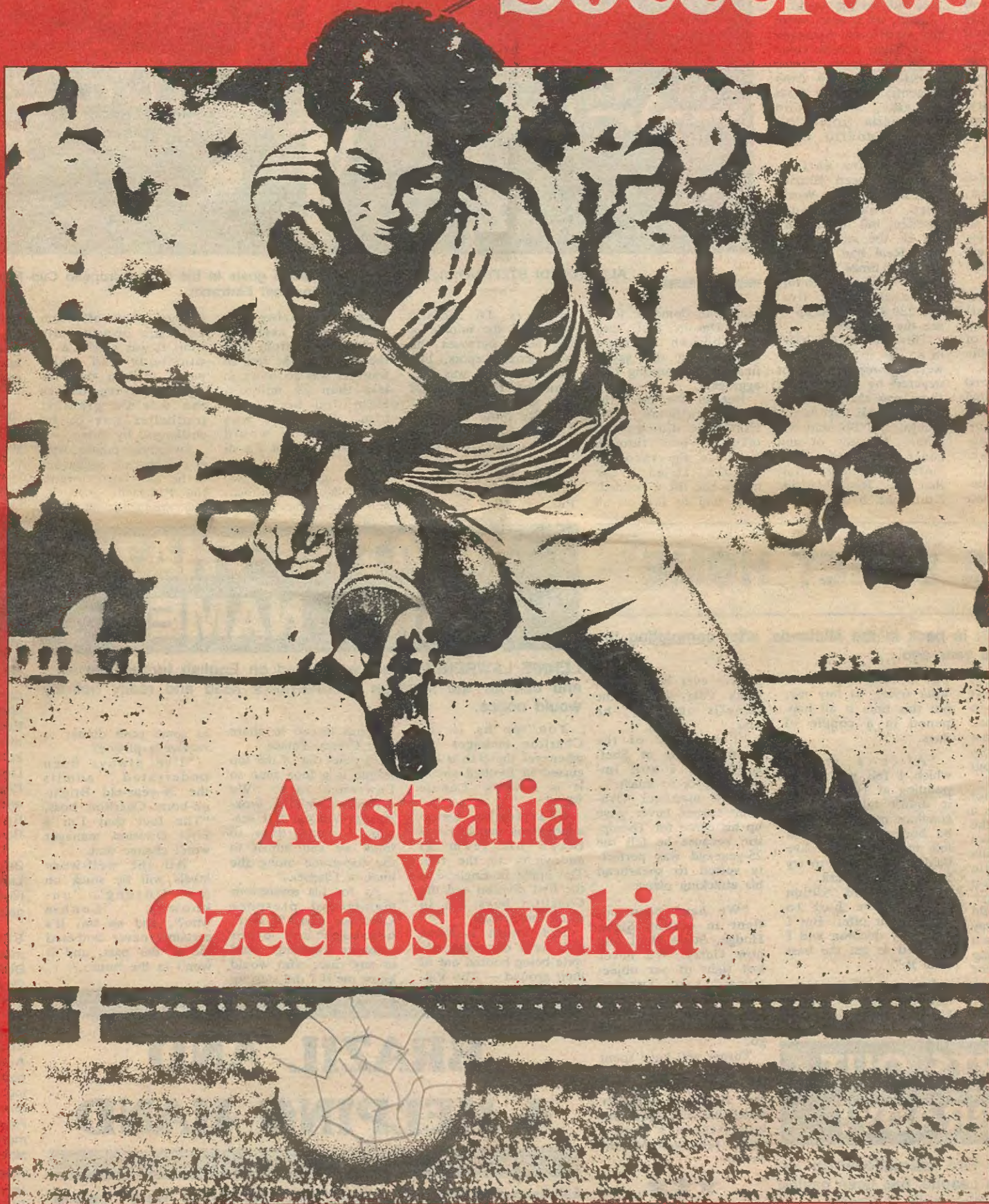
Tynecastle chairman WALLACE MERCER insists: "This is no publicity stunt. I have already had talks with Brady's agent and I'm determined to pull out all stops to sign him for

Hearts.

"Despite missing out on the Championship and Scottish Cup in the final week of last season, it was still a good season for the club and we want to build on those achievements."

"We know a player of Brady's quality won't come cheaply, but we've promised our fans we won't rest on our laurels and this move does much to honour our pledge."

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Australia
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Olympic Park-Sun. Aug. 3rd. 1-1
Hindmarsh Stadium-Wed. Aug. 6th. 0-1
Parramatta Stadium-Sun. Aug. 10th. 0-3